Area Manager's Report South Central Area Committee Wednesday 17th January 2018

CRUMLIN/KIMMAGE ELECTORAL AREA

South West Inner City Area Report

St. Audeon's Park, High Street

Works to enhance St. Audeons Park by improving accessibility, permeability and circulation commenced in October 2017 and are due to be completed in February/March.

Crane Street/Sugar House Lane

Works, including the widening of the existing footpaths and the narrowing of the carriageway, to enhance pedestrian access along this important and busy tourist route commenced on 21st August 2017 and are progressing well. The expected completion date is February 2018.

Dolphins Barn

A Public Realm Improvement Plan for Dolphin's Barn will be presented at this month's Area Committee meeting with a view to proceeding with a Part VIII planning application.

St. Luke's Church

Works in relation to the conservation and adaptive reuse of St. Luke's Church are now complete. Dublin City Council is also creating a small urban park in the north graveyard (facing St. Luke's Avenue) and carrying out improvements to the south graveyard (access via Newmarket Square). Works to both graveyards commenced in June and are due to be completed later this month when it is expected that the church building will re-open as office accommodation. It is planned that the park facing St. Luke's Avenue will operate with normal park opening hours whilst the south graveyard can be visited by appointment.

James Street CBS

Works to install a 5-a-side all-weather football pitch (49.6m x 23.4m) in the grounds of James Street CBS commenced in December and should be completed in early 2018. This facility will provide a much needed resource for the school, local sports clubs and the wider community. The pitch will be part funded from the 2016 Discretionary Fund.

Allotments

There are 4 allotment sites in the South West Inner City. Licenses are currently being renewed for 2018 at Weavers Square (27 plots), Braithwaite Street (19), St. Thomas Abbey, South Earl Street (17) and Grattan Terrace (40). A small number of allotment holders have surrendered their plots which will be re-allocated from the existing waiting list.

Crumlin/Kimmage Area Report

Design work to upgrade the public domain of the east side of Crumlin Village from the junction with Windmill Road to St. Agnes Park, i.e. between an Post Sorting Office and the Garda Station has been completed and, following a presentation at last month's Area Committee meeting, tenders have been issued with a view to construction works commencing in the first quarter of 2018.

The works will include:

- The replacement of the existing footpath with cobble lock and slabs similar to the west side of the road
- The removal of the overhead electrical cables and replacement of existing lamp post with posts similar to those that were installed on the opposite footpath in 2008.
- Provision of an automated pedestrian crossing at the Crumlin Village/Windmill Road junction.
- Provision of cycle lanes and bicycle stands
- Additional tree planting
- Revised car parking

Dolphin's Barn

A large Red Pin Oak has been planted on the green space opposite Dolphin's Barn Fire Station. Thousands of Narcissus Fortune (yellow with a red cup) and a mixture of Red Tulips have also been planted. This project celebrates the role of the Fire Fighter and was funded from the 2017 Discretionary Fund.

The Area should look fantastic in the spring.

Community Report

St. Francis CBS Presidential Visit:

The community team is working closely with the school in preparation of a year of Bi Centenary Celebrations. President Michael D Higgins will visit the school to launch this year long event: 26th Jan.

High Road Kilmainham-

The local team have met with the local residents committee to support their environmental projects in their area.

Dublin Culture Connects - National Neighbourhoods SCA

The Community Development team continue to support the South Central National Neighbourhoods Advisory Group in order to deliver a programme of activities and projects in the South Central Area

Following a series of chats with local groups and organisations a number of Projects are developing under the umbrella title of "*Lullabies*".

While each project is different the title Lullabies is a reminder of the intimate role voice and music plays in our lives, in daily domesticity, in empathy and caring for others. It calls to mind music as shared connection across all lives in all communities, especially in comforting and getting us through the night. It's a reminder of equality - at some point everyone has received, whisper gifted, or needed, a lullaby in their life.

." *Lullabies*" The Mercer's Institute for Successful Ageing at St James' Hospital will host a choir in the MISA centre which will begin at the end of January led by Norah Constance Walsh.

A regular "community choir" for older people which initially draws attendees from older individuals local to the hospital and, over time, from people who use MISA including people living with MCI, a diagnosis of Dementia, Alzheimer's, and eventually from the wards. This will be the third Community Choirs for the South Central Area.

Blarney Park Allotment/Community Garden. – Renewal of Licenses for 2018 will be take place at the end of January. All allotment holders have been notified of the renewal date.

BALLYFERMOT/DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA

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- www.kilmainham-inchicore.ie website is operational; it will be a useful tool for the neighbourhood communities to share information about events and topics of interest.
- A banner promoting Kilmainham and Inchicore with "Creative to the Core/Cruathaitheach go croí" has been erected for a six week period above Inchicore Pharmacy, 205 Emmet Rd. It will be in situ until the end of January 2018. The new website is promoted on the banner.
- ★ The Discretionary Fund -Public Domain and Environmental Improvements for Inchicore (€25,000) Programme is completed at Tyrconnell Rd (Westside) with new landscaping of Public Area near the Grand Canal. Also 8 tree planters are now located along Emmet Road between the Eve Tuiscint Building and Inchicore Village.
- It is anticipated that tree pruning by DCC Parks Dept along Tyrconnell Rd will commence January 2018, starting at Inchicore Village end. Spring bulb planting in among the trees at the back of St Michael's Church and at Turvey Avenue will be carried out, December 2018. Path repairs along Emmet Rd (near entrance to Turvey Avenue) are completed.
- The Inchicore Childcare Professional Group will be welcoming Dr. Katherine Zappone, Minister of Children and Youth Affairs to visit Lower Inchicore in the New Year 2018. This is an outcome from a Report sent to DCYA of highlighting the situation on the ground in Lower Inchicore, Dublin 8 with regard to underprivileged vulnerable children's needs not being met and offering solutions. This Group is chaired by *Kilmainham Inchicore Network* Project Manager.

Community Report

Community Grants

The reports on 2018 community grants are being finalised and the full report will be presented to the February Area Committee.

Community Plan for 2018

The community plan and calendar of events for 2018 which outlines a programme of act ivies and events for the area are being finalised.

Ballyfermot Halloween 2018

Building on the success of the Ballyfermot Halloween events in 2017 a Steering Group representing youth organisations, the Partnership and the City Council is being formed with the aim of organising events /festivals for young people in the area. The Festival Committee will work to organise and secure funding for large events celebrating young people.

Ballyfermot 70th Celebrations

The committee continues to finalise a creative programme to celebrate Ballyfermot. The Heritage Group will launch their film celebrating the history of the area since the first houses were built in 1948. The launch will take place in Ballyfermot Library on Jan. 31st at 6:00PM

Ballyfermot/Chapelizod Community Choir

The Choir continues to grow in numbers and is a great outlet for older people particularly those with dementia. The City Council is supporting the Choir to set up a local committee that will manage the group formally.

Knocknarea Court Open Night

The City Council is holding an Open Night on Tuesday 30th January at 7:00PM in Our Lady's Hall Mourne Road to introduce new residents of Knocknarea Court to key organisations, Community Leaders and the Elected Representatives. The evening will be an informal gathering and hopefully provide connections between the new residents and the community.

Brickfield Park run

Great credit is due to the Tidy Drimnagh committee on organising the first park run in Brickfield Park which was held on the 6th of January. Over 150 people took part with further events planned throughout the year. The City Council will continue to support the committee to develop activities from the park.

Bluebell Environmental Group:

Eir has granted Bluebell Environmental Group permission to paint three heavily tagged utility boxes opposite the shops in Bluebell. With the support of DCC a local artist will create a community art project to transform the utility boxes into a bright and pleasant visual display. This is a pilot project as to-date only Dublin City Council Traffic Boxes have been painted.

CONDECT Working Together For Our Children

Dear Resident

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Welcome to Resident Connect which relates to the construction of the new children's hospital and the Davitt Road Compound site in Drimnagh.



The new children's hospital, which is being developed on a shared campus with St James's Hospital, is the most significant capital development in healthcare in the history of the State. When it opens in 2022, the new hospital will have more than 6,000 rooms and 4 acres of outdoor space. It will be the size of Dundrum Shopping Centre and the length of Grafton Street.

In addition to the hospital, a Children's Research and Innovation Centre and a 53 bed - family accommodation unit is also being constructed on the campus as part of the project, as well as two new outpatients and urgent care centres - one at Connolly Hospital on the north of the city and a second at Tallaght Hospital on the south. This hospital project will be one of the most medically and technically advanced in Europe and will support clinicians in delivering improved clinical outcomes for a quarter of the population - our children and young people.

As part of the planning permission for the project (which was granted by An Bord Pleanála in April 2016) a small section 100m x 100m of the former Unilever site on Davitt Road will be used by BAM as a temporary construction compound during the construction phase of the hospital. The purpose of this compound, which will be operational from early February 2018 and for the duration of the construction, is to store building materials and to allow for the controlled arrival of materials on the site of the hospital on St. James's Campus, mitigating against potential traffic impacts.



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