

**Area Manager's Report  
South Central Area Committee  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2018**

**Housing Queries**

**Reminder to e-mail your Housing Queries to [scac@dublincity.ie](mailto:scac@dublincity.ie) by Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March so that the Executive Manager for Housing will have a response for them at the March Area Committee Meeting.**

**Neighbourhood Traffic Study Workshop**

The Neighbourhood Traffic Study Workshop is scheduled for the 21<sup>st</sup> of March, 2018. The venue and agenda will be announced at a later date.

**HSE announces Merchants Quay Project CLG as preferred operator of Ireland's first Medically Supervised Injecting Facility**

The HSE confirmed on the 16<sup>th</sup> of February that Merchants Quay Project CLG is the preferred bidder to operate a Medically Supervised Injecting Facility in Dublin City Centre on a pilot basis. The awarding of the contract follows a HSE procurement process initiated last August and is subject to normal planning permission approval. An evaluation group established to review the tenders included HSE Procurement, HSE Social Inclusion, an Academic Expert, An Garda Síochána, Dublin City Council and an external Public Health expert. It is envisaged that the preferred bidder will operate the facility for an 18 month period, by means of a License to be granted under the Misuse of Drugs (Supervised Injection Facilities) Act 2017.

A key element in the success of the pilot will be a demonstration of consultation and ongoing engagement with local stakeholders from the surrounding area. Merchants Quay Project will be required to have in place a specific plan in this regard and will be required to employ a Community Liaison Worker to engage local businesses, communities and residents in a meaningful manner. An external evaluation of the pilot phase of the facility will be carried out by an independent agent engaged by the HSE. Specific structures will be put in place to ensure comprehensive operational, clinical and supervisory governance arrangements. These will include a Monitoring Committee comprising key stakeholders to oversee the facility chaired by Dr Eamon Keenan, National Clinical Lead, HSE Addiction Services on behalf of the HSE. A Clinical Governance committee will be established to ensure the facility is providing appropriate clinical intervention to attendees and that these interventions are in line with international best practice. The facility will also be required to comply with the National Standards for Safer Better Healthcare. As the HSE is required to adhere to appropriate procurement protocols, a 14-day standstill will now be observed prior to formal award.

**Report on the Iveagh Market**

Solicitors for the developer have responded to recent correspondence issued to them requesting the developer to hand back possession of the Iveagh Market to Dublin City Council. This is currently being reviewed by the Law Agent who will advise on how the Council should proceed in this matter.

**Park West – Cherry Orchard Local Area Plan  
Update 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

The following is an update for the South Central Area Committee on the preparation of the Park West – Cherry Orchard Local Area Plan from the Planning and Property Development Department.

Dublin City Council (DCC) is preparing a Local Area Plan (LAP) for Park West – Cherry Orchard. The preparation of an LAP is identified as an objective of the current Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022 (Table F).

The Issues Paper (i.e. pre-draft local area plan) public consultation was launched on the 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018 with the publication of a public notice and the Issues Paper document. The consultation period extends from **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February until Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March inclusive**.

A display was provided in the Civic Offices in Wood Quay, the Civic Offices in Ballyfermot (in the atrium and also in the reception of the Area Office) and the Orchard Community Development Centre. The South Central Councillors were circulated with a copy of the Issues Paper and the statutory notice. A range of pertinent stakeholders including social and community groups, schools and sport clubs were notified (with assistance from the Area Office). The Issues Paper and details on how to make a submission were posted on the Dublin City Council website. Use was also made of the DCC social media accounts (facebook and twitter) to help to notify members of the public. Posters on the consultation process were erected in fifteen locations throughout Park West and Cherry Orchard: -

HSE primary care centre	Familibase
Cherry Orchard Hospital	Energia gym Park West
Church of the Most Holy Sacrament	Spar – Park West
St. Ultans' National School	DCC Sports & Leisure Centre, Ballyfermot
Orchard Community Centre	Cherry Orchard Equine Centre
DCC Ballyfermot Area office	The Partnership office at the Equine Centre
Library	St. Oliver's Education Centre
Post Office/ Centra, Claddagh	

Members of the Planning Department will be available locally in the area to assist with any queries on the following public consultation dates: -

Monday, 26th February: The Orchard Community Development Centre, 2-3.30pm

Friday, 2nd March: Unit 11, The Plaza, Park West Business Park, 12-2pm

Saturday, 3rd March: Cherry Orchard FC, Elmdale, 10–11am

Cherry Orchard Equine Centre, 12-1pm

Wednesday, 7th March: The Orchard Community Development Centre, 7.30-8.30pm

Where possible these sessions have been teamed with local events to provide maximum exposure and community input.

In addition to the above, a press release has been provided to The Echo Ballyfermot to provide newspaper coverage on this process, due for publication on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February in advance of the public consultation sessions.

Furthermore members of the Planning Department are continuing to meet with various statutory and service agencies involved in the area, incl. The Irish Prison Service, the Health Service Executive (HSE), the National Transport Authority (NTA), South Dublin County Council. Further consultations will be planned for the area including youth consultation.

Members of the Council will be kept updated throughout this process.

### **Housing with Support Model at St Michael's**

The Housing Department has been progressing a partnership approach with the HSE on development of the site adjacent to the Richmond Barracks to provide a Housing with Support model of accommodation for older people. The intention is that the accommodation, the facilities and the support will be such as to enable people to continue to live independently in their homes as long as possible, reducing the need to move into residential care where possible or for as long as possible. The proposals is to construct 52 units of accommodation where the one bed units are considerably larger than the standard to facilitate people remaining in their homes independently as long as possible.

An expression of interest was sought from Approved Housing Bodies and Circle/Alone were successful. They prepared a stage one application which has now been approved by the Department so they have been instructed to proceed to stage 2. The Housing Department met with them to discuss a programme for moving forward and one of the elements will be consultation and communication with local interested parties. Meetings will be organised in the area over the next few months so will be in contact with you in this regards.

### **Weaver Park nominated for a European Prize for Urban Public Space**

Weaver Park, built as a green space in the heart of the Liberties, has been nominated for a for a European Prize for Urban Public Space, which is an awards initiative run by the Centre of Contemporary Culture of Barcelona (CCCB). Nominees are chosen through the CCCB's board of experts selecting recently completed public areas in Europe that "foster the public character of urban spaces and their capacity for fostering social cohesion". The prize, in highlighting the relational and civic aspects of the typically urban space, thus differs from other initiatives that are focused on the figure of the architect, and from awards given for landscape-centred projects.

### **The Living City Initiative (LCI)**

The Living City Initiative (LCI) is a tax incentive scheme to assist and encourage people to live in the historic inner city areas of Dublin City. It allows owners and investors to claim tax relief for money spent on refurbishment and/or conversion of residential property either as income tax relief (for owner occupied residential) or a capital allowance (for rented residential). It also focuses on the regeneration of retail and commercial districts by allowing owners to claim an accelerated capital allowance on money spent on refurbishment and/or conversion of commercial property.

It aims to incentivise owners/investors to carry out the necessary refurbishment and/or conversion works to upgrade existing accommodation or bring derelict/disused properties back into use. Examples include bringing vacant upper floors above shop into residential/office use or carrying out refurbishment work to your home. A property can be a house, apartment, shop or any kind of structure and can include all or part of a property.

The LCI Unit has setup a 'One Stop Shop' Advisory Team from Planning, Architects, Fire Prevention, Building Control, Conservation, Valuers and other relevant Departments. The Team is available to meet and provide advice on statutory planning and development requirements in relation to proposed refurbishment and/or conversion work before works begin. It is a FREE service, but an appointment must be made in advance by contacting the Living City Initiative Unit at: -

Living City Initiative (LCI) Unit,  
Dublin City Council,  
Planning & Property Development Department,  
Block 4, Floor 3,  
Civic Offices, Wood Quay,  
Dublin 8

[livingcityinitiative@dublincity.ie](mailto:livingcityinitiative@dublincity.ie)

Tel. No. 222 3480



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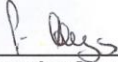
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**With further reference to the proposed disposal of a site at the corner of Dolphin's Barn Street (33/37) and South Circular Rd, Dublin 8 to Malkey Ltd.**

**Update:**

As a result of the failure by the developer to commence work on this site Dublin City Council instructed the Law Agent to terminate the Agreement for Lease and Building Licence Agreement and institute the necessary legal proceedings against Malkey Ltd to recover possession of the site.

Solicitors for Malkey Ltd have responded and their response is currently being reviewed.

  
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Executive Manager

Date: 16/2/18

## **CRUMLIN/KIMMAGE ELECTORAL AREA**

### **South West Inner City Area Report**

#### **St. Audeon's Park, High Street**

Works to enhance St. Audeon's Park by improving accessibility, permeability and circulation commenced in October 2017 and are due to be completed in April/May. The reconfigured western entrance will incorporate a play garden.

#### **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 21<sup>st</sup> August 2017 and are due to be completed this month.

#### **Dolphins Barn**

Following agreement at the January Area Committee meeting it is expected that a Part 8 Planning Application for a Public Realm Improvement Plan for Dolphins Barn will be advertised shortly.

#### **St. Luke's Church**

Works in relation to the conservation and adaptive reuse of St. Luke's Church as office accommodation are now complete. The City Council is 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 late this month or early next month. 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. It is proposed that the park(s) will be officially opened in May when the planting has properly bedded. It is also intended to initiate a 'green school' project with St. Brigid's NS.

#### **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 later this month. 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.

#### **Marrowbone Lane Flats**

Work has been completed to landscape the front areas of Marrowbone Lane Buildings. The project included clearing of the areas, removing dead trees and stumps, planting a new evergreen hedge, 15 no. trees and smaller planter areas. A portion of the front area has been left clear to facilitate a residents' garden. The project was support-funded by the Discretionary Fund 2018.

#### **Shopfront Improvement Scheme 2018**

Applications are currently invited for the Shopfront Improvement Scheme 2018 for The Liberties. It is hoped to support 15 projects this year and build on the success of recent years. An extension of the scheme to Dolphins Barn will be progressed later in spring.

#### **Crane Street**

A major programme of work to repave Crane Street and adjoining streets has been completed. The project involved widening footpaths on both sides of the street, laying new street surfaces, lifting and relaying antique paving, kerbs and setts to best conservation practice and renewing some services. Parking along the street has now been removed to

facilitate a more pedestrian friendly environment. The work was undertaken by KN Networks for Dublin City Council Roads Department.

### **Crumlin/Kimmage Area Report**

#### **Crumlin Village**

A contractor has been selected 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. It is expected that work will commence on 13<sup>th</sup> March with a completion date of late July.

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

### **Community Report**

Dublin City Council Community and Social Development team continue to support local community and voluntary groups who host and organise activities, engage in projects that can be of benefit to their communities and those who visit the area.

#### **Love Your Heart/Love Your Heal**

A number of organisations joined together in St. Andrew's Community Centre to offer advice and health checks, fencing demonstrations, indoor rowing, along with a host of holistic treatments to the wider community. This free event sponsored by DCC and hosted by Rialto Development Association with a view to introducing people to engage in a healthier lifestyle: 14/02/18

#### **Sing for Fun Community Choir:**

The Community Development team, Dublin's Culture Connects & The Misa Centre St. James's Hospital welcome the new choir for the over 50's to the MISA St. James's. Singers from the Rialto, Crumlin, Dolphin's Barn and patients and relatives attending the Mercer Institute for Successful Ageing under the guidance of Choirmaster Norah Walsh could be heard along the corridors of the MISA, **St James's** Hospital.

The choir takes place every Monday morning from 10.30 am - 12.00 noon in February and March. : 10.30hr

#### **Liberties Swift Conservation Programme:**

In line with Dublin City Council's Biodiversity Plan, the South Central Community Development team have been delivering Swift Conservation educational programmes to local schools. They have also formed links with local building contractors/developers with a view to installing internal nest boxes in new developments. Swifts have been very much a part of the heritage of the Liberties for hundreds of years but sadly due to the demolition and renovation of older buildings traditional nest sites have been destroyed and the swift populations is now in serious decline.

There is a lot that can be done to reverse this trend and one builder in Francis Street has led the way by installing a triple cavity nest box into a recent new development.

Information Day: In conjunction with the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Donore Credit Union, the Community team will hold an information day in Donore Youth and Community Centre to highlight and promote the services and community groups /clubs operating in the south central area, with a view to raising awareness of their services and bust membership: 3 rd March 2018

### **International Women's Day:**

The Back of the Pipes will host an event in St. Andrews Centre to celebrate women's achievements in history. SCA Historian in residence Cathy Scuffil will give a talk on this interesting subject: 08/03/18 at 19.00 pm

Residents of Dolphin House will host an event celebrating the achievements of women locally, nationally and internationally. This event will reach out to the wider community of Rialto and Dolphins Barn: 08/03/18

Historian in residence Cathy Scuffil will deliver a talk on women in politics at a coffee morning in Basin Lane community rooms: 09/03/18 at 10.30 am

Health Talks: The Marie Keating Foundation will deliver talks to students from St. James Secondary School & Warrenmount Secondary to raise awareness of cancer:

### **Relocation of the statue of St Teresa's:**

The statue of St Teresa has been removed from the flat complex for repair. It is planned to host a family event when the repairs are completed and the relocation of the statue of St Teresa to a temporary location for the duration of the regeneration process:

Growing Without Soil: Continuing on from the pilot programme of 2017 St. James CBS and St James Primary schools will both start projects growing plants and food without soil using the method of Hydroponics: 26/02/18

### **Crumlin/Kimmage Area Report**

#### **Crumlin Walkinstown Local Forum**

Will host an Open Day on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2018 in hall of Scoil Una Naofa, Armagh Road, Crumlin from 11.00 – 3pm. Local community groups from Crumlin & Walkinstown be will promoting their club/activities that are available open to all.

#### **Brookfield Estate**

Dublin City Council continue to support residents who are actively involved in enhancing the area through clean ups and welcome the first of the spring bulbs which are now starting to bloom

#### **Blarney Park allotments**

Renewal License Dublin City Council Community team have met with allotment holders and members of community garden with regard to renewal of licenses for 2018.

A number of information workshops will take place by The Community Garden holders to inform the wider community on the best way to development their garden spaces, Dublin City Council will continue to support the group in 2018. It is also planned to source and install a solar powered water pump at Blarney Park.

## **BALLYFERMOT/DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA**

### **Kilmainham Inchicore Network**

Progress with the 2018 Discretionary Funding allocations to projects within Inchicore and Kilmainham is ongoing. The projects include: Inchicore Village Environmental Improvements €25k; Inchicore Shop Front Improvement Scheme €5k; Turvey Park Improvements €10k; Virtual Heritage Interpretation Panels €14k; "The Dead" heritage walking trail €10k; Trees in the Ground Project €10k; Christmas Lighting Inchicore Village €12.5k.

**-Childcare Professional Group Inchicore** – Dr. Katherine Zappone Minister of DCYA will visit lower Inchicore – provisional date end of March 2018. This follows on from an earlier meeting with DCYA officials and a Report on this localised unique area within Inchicore that suffers greatly from intergenerational poverty, high levels of disadvantage with underprivileged vulnerable children's needs not being met.

**-A sense of Place – Past Present and Future Kilmainham and Inchicore**– A second series of Talks organised by KIN, DCC Historian in residence and Kilmainham Gaol are under discussion -KIN submitted observation letter to the OPW re Part 9 Planning Application Ref 4653/17: Garda Security and Crime Operations Centre, Military Road, Dublin 8. SAW Protected Structure.

**-Improvements to Inchicore Village** – consideration is being given to the level of derelict buildings in the Village; proposals for increased street furniture, removal/upgrading of the recycling bins and how to deal with graffiti.

**-The Camac Greenway** – A review of this project is taking place including all previous plans and proposal. Discussions on how to progress this project are underway.

### **Bluebell**

A very positive meeting was held on 24<sup>th</sup> January at which the user clubs were informed of following timetable for the installation of a new 4g full size floodlit all-weather pitch to replace the grass pitch adjacent to the Bluebell Youth and Community Centre: -

- Tenders to be invited February
- Contractor expected on site April/May
- Works to be completed and pitch open for use late Autumn

### **Drimnagh**

Parks and Landscape Services intend to carry out renewal works to Brickfields Park Playground from 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018 for a period of 4 weeks. Part or all of the facility will need to be closed to the public during this time. Works will include repair to the ground surface and the refurbishment of existing play units. Some new pieces will be added including a pedal roundabout and a new multi-use climbing unit with slide. Four carved wooden animal totems will also be included. Signage will be erected at the entrance to the playground to notify the public of proposed works. These works are part funded from the

### **Community Report**

#### **International Women's Day 2018**

The Ballyfermot Local Drugs Task force is co-ordinating a series of events through out Ballyfermot to mark International Women's Day. *The City Council is organising a Women's walk. The event starts at 7:00 PM at the church of the Assumption on Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> of March. Refreshment will be served in the Ballyfermot Family Resource Centre at 8pm. The walk will be a carefully planned route around the Ballyfermot area.*



The Ballyfermot Youth Service will launch the Celebrating Women in Ballyfermot and Ireland on Thurs. March 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM in the Ballyfermot Library. The exhibition and the event is part funded by Dublin City Council Decade of Commemorations fund.

The City Council are supporting Drimnagh Ladies Club to host an evening of music on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 8:00pm to Mark the day.

#### **Remembrance afternoon tea in Walkinstown**

The Council is hosting afternoon tea in WSAF community hall on Moeran Road in Walkinstown for the elderly lady's groups in the area.

#### **Environmental Committees**

The City Council is rolling out an ambitious environmental project across the Ballyfermot /Drimnagh Area to create activity around National Tree Week, March 4<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> and An Taisce's National Spring Clean week which will be held throughout the month of April. The Council will be contacting all Resident and Community Groups to encourage them to take part in events to improve their local environment. Meetings have been held with the Drimnagh Tidy Towns Committee, the Bluebell Environment Group and staff are working to re establish the Ballyfermot Environment group.

#### **Ballyfermot 70<sup>th</sup> Celebrations**

There was standing room only at the screening of the locally produced film Ballyfermot in the beginning which was held in the Library. The film is available for screenings to groups and organisations in the area. 70th year Celebration Banners have been erected on the light stands along the main street in Ballyfermot. The City Council Historian in Residence is working with groups regarding a History on Your Doorstep initiative and to organise a series of talks which will be held in the Ballyfermot Library in June.

#### **Older Peoples complexes**

**Fr. Lemass Court:** - The City Council is working with the residents in Fr. Lemass Court to prepare and plant window boxes for every resident with a view to entering this years City Neighbourhood. A workshop and planting session will be held for all residents who wish to take part.

The Council is carrying out small repair works and refurbishment of the Claddagh Court, River View, Rossaveal and La Touché communal rooms.

**La Touché Court:** - The City Council is working with the Oblates Community Employment Scheme regarding the provision of meals on wheels from LA Touché Court. The group is in discussion with the HSE regarding the future viability of this service.



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**PUBLIC  
NOTICE**



**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000, as amended (Section 50).**

Arising from the Order of Mr Justice Binchy of the High Court on the 14th December 2017, Dublin City Council is undertaking a public consultation in relation to the change of use and the refurbishment of the former Parish Centre, 12-14 Carman's Hall, Dublin 8 for the provision of homeless accommodation.

A site map with accompanying information is available for inspection at the **Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8** between the hours of **09.00hrs and 17.00hrs** from **Monday 22nd January 2018 to Monday 5th March 2018** (both dates inclusive). Details are also available on the **Dublin City Council website at [www.dublincity.ie](http://www.dublincity.ie)**

A hard copy of the map and information is also available to view at the **South Central Area Office, Floor 1, Eblana House, Marrowbone Lane, Dublin 8** during normal opening hours (9.30hrs and 16.00hrs) during the display period.

Written submissions or observations are invited from the public and should be made to the Planning Authority within the above said period. Submissions or observations made will be taken into consideration by the Planning Authority. Such submissions or observations should be addressed to: **Avril Feeney, Planning & Property Development Department, Dublin City Council, Block 4, Floor 3, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8** or should be placed in the "Comments Box" provided in the Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8 from **Monday 22nd January 2018 to Monday 5th March 2018 Inclusive**. Observations/submissions must be received or sent via email to [carmanshall@dublincity.ie](mailto:carmanshall@dublincity.ie) by 17.00 hrs on **Monday 5th March 2018**.

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