

**Area Manager's Report
South Central Area Committee
Wednesday 20th June 2018**

Revised Part VIII for Dolphins Barn Village Public Realm Improvement Plan.

A Part VIII Planning Application was advertised on May 16th for a Proposal to undertake a Public Realm improvement plan for Dolphins Barn Village. However, on inspection of the planning application it was considered that the content was in contravention of the minimum requirements as set out in Article 22(4) (a) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended). New Drawings have been prepared that will comply with the Regulations and it is proposed to readvertise in the coming week.

CRUMLIN/KIMMAGE ELECTORAL AREA

South West Inner City Area Report

The Area office has Shopfront Improvement Schemes in place for The Liberties and Dolphin's Barn Rialto. The Liberties scheme has attracted 10 applications to date with 8 projects completed or underway. There is very positive interest on Meath Street in particular, which is an area of particular focus for this year's scheme. The scheme for Dolphin's Barn and Rialto has been advertised to all businesses in the area and has attracted 5 applications to date, with 3 more expected. The closing date for the scheme is 29th June.

The Liberties Festival 2018 will take place from 18th to 22nd July. The festival is organised by SICCDA, who this year engaged a local events management company to run the festival. The community development and business departments have engaged with the festival organizers to assist as they can. The Liberties Fun Run 2018 in aid of St James's Hospital will take place in conjunction with the Festival on Wednesday 18th July.

St. Audoen's Park, High Street

Works to enhance St. Audoen's Park by improving accessibility, permeability and circulation commenced in October 2017 with the park due to reopen in July. The reconfigured western entrance will incorporate a play garden.

Bridgefoot Street Park

Detailed design works are almost complete and it is expected that tender documents will be issued in July. Construction works will commence shortly after the tendering process is complete.

High Street/Cornmarket

Works to 'green' the central median at High Street have commenced and will mirror the Nicholas Street project of 2016. The existing concrete is being removed and replaced with extensive planting including 16 new London Plane trees which are replacing 14 damaged and diseased trees. Works on High Street should be completed by the middle of July whilst similar planting in Cornmarket will take place later in the year.

St. Luke's Church

The conservation of St. Luke's Church is complete with the building now being used as office accommodation. 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 2017 and are due to be completed shortly. 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.

Islandbridge Court

Tenders have been received for the installation of a hard surface MUGA (multi use games area) in Islandbridge Court and are being assessed at present.

Bluebell

The preferred bidder for the all weather pitch has come back with a works programme. They intend to commence works on Monday 16th July, 2018, with a proposed finish date of 2nd November, 2018. The Bluebell Community Council will be kept informed of developments regarding the pitch by DCC officials.

Housing Report

St. Teresa's Gardens

Phase 1 of the St. Teresa's Gardens Regeneration Masterplan is now complete following the demolition of the 6 blocks on the Eugene Street side of the site. The 4 vacant blocks on the south side have also been demolished.

A new part 8 Planning Application for 4 additional housing units (increasing the number of houses/apartments to 54), amendments to previously permitted residential units, demolition of remaining 2 blocks, an enhanced park and an interim pitch was lodged on 12th March. A report in relation to the Planning Application is included on the agenda for the May Area Committee meeting. Tenders for the updated new build are due to be issued shortly with a view to construction works commencing in Quarter 3.

Tenders are due to be issued in Quarter 2 for Precinct Improvement Works in the area between the refurbished blocks. Works will include a small playground, hard and soft landscaping, enhanced lighting, CCTV and painting. Works are planned to commence in Quarter 3 this year.

New build enabling works commenced on 22nd January and are due to be completed in May. The works include drainage, enlarging some gardens on Eugene Street, demolition of 23, 24 and 25 Eugene Street and the removal of contaminated soil.

The Development Framework Plan for St. Teresa's Gardens was endorsed by Councillors on 3rd July 2017. The Plan includes housing, community facilities, parks, open space and traffic alignments.

Dolphin House

A part VIII planning application was approved at the October 2014 City Council meeting for demolition, new build and refurbishment at Dolphin House (phase 1). A total of 96 existing flats will be replaced by 100 new units. The demolition of the 2 'canal' blocks was completed in early 2016 whilst the new build and refurbishment commenced on 17th October 2016 and are progressing satisfactorily. Work is scheduled to be completed in autumn 2018.

Planning permission was granted to Fold Housing Association in November 2016 for 42 units of older persons apartments with a community centre at a site to the rear of the football pitch. A 'sod turning' event took place on 27th April with the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government and the Lord Mayor in attendance. It is the intention to transfer the existing tenants in Dolphin Park to the new dwellings which are scheduled to be completed in Quarter 1 of 2019. Dolphin Park, which consists of 44 bedsits, would then be demolished to allow for new housing to be developed on the site.

The 48 residents of the 'long blocks' were contacted in February in relation to phase 2A of the project.

South West Inner Public Domain Report

An intensive clean of Merchants Quay and Bridge St. has been completed. Meath Street and Francis St will be next.

Smart Bins are currently being located at high volume sites – allocation of 3 bins along bus stops at Heuston Station. A smart bin will be placed at the Coombe Hospital on Cork St. and 2 at Cornmarket. The cast iron bins will be removed from High St and repositioned in suitable locations in the area. .

A maintenance programme has begun to include painting of decorative lamp standards along Thomas Street and Marrowbone Lane.

Street furniture in the form of 3 tiered planters have been placed at Cornmarket and St. Catherine's Church.

Graffiti removal is a high priority in the area. Oliver Bond St, Island St, Bridgefoot St. Steevens Lane, Swifts Alley & Carmans Hall have all been treated. Dublin Canvas will be treating 5 Traffic Signal Boxes in the locality. "Geometrical Calligraphy" by Aprar Elawad on SCR near the Mosque is complete along with "Flower Box" by Vini Bustamante at Donore Ave. Dn. 8

Crumlin/Kimmage Area Report

Crumlin Village Environmental Improvement Scheme

Works 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 commenced on 5th March.

The works 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 posts 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

Contractual issues arose and will delay the completion of the project until the end of October this year. Works on the west side of the village (Tesco's side) have been completed with the exception of the replacement of some bollards on the footpath. Works on the east side are well underway and will include the replacement of the watermain. This has resulted in some inconvenience for pedestrians and the local shops. However the contractor has been liaising with the business owners to minimise any negative effects.

Stannaway Court, Senior Citizens Complex

All costings have been received for required works to allow external insulation to be undertaken in the complex. These works include changing boilers, moving of pipework, moving of gas meters, fire doors and the external insulation itself. Housing have approved the works and initial works are due to commence the week beginning 27 June.

CCTV in Benbulbin Road and Lissadel Road

Funding from the Discretionary Funds 2018 has been set aside for the installation of CCTV in these areas. Under the new General Data Protection Regulations it is a requirement to carry out Privacy Impact Assessments (PIA) and consultation before such works are undertaken. We have now received a Garda report in relation to the anti-social behavior in Benbulbin Road area and this was submitted to the Data Protection Officer. The Data Protection Officer is satisfied, based on the contents of the report, that the installation of CCTV at this location is justified. We will now proceed to consultation with the local business's. Consultation with residents representatives has already been completed.

It should be noted that Electrical Services will no longer allow installation of CCTV on lighting poles for legal and security reasons. We have now received an updated quote to include for the installation of a separate CCTV and a mini pillar for power supply. The costs are substantially greater than the initial quotes and further funding will need to be identified in order to undertake this work.

Given the increased costs, along with the substantial increase in workload in order to install CCTV and the proposed redevelopment of the Lissadel Road site it may not be possible or appropriate to install CCTV at Lissadel Road this year.

WALK – Rafters Lane

Due to the necessity to relocate an ESB pole and power supply cable crossing the site, there has been a delay in commencing work on the site. The ESB have commenced work and expect to have works completed by the middle of the week beginning 18/06/18. A revised programme of works will issue shortly and we will keep you updated on progress.

Raleigh Square, Tuath Housing

As you are aware Tuath Housing are currently building 33 Senior Citizens units in Raleigh Square. 5 of these units will be 2 bed units and 28 will be 1 bed units. The construction of these units was due to be completed in November 2018 but due to unexpected delays the units are unlikely to be completed before the 2nd quarter of 2019.

Crumlin/Kimmage Public Domain Report

Intensive washing in Crumlin Village has been deferred until after the public realm improvements are complete. Bowbridge Lane and Military Road were given an intensive hot wash after the Forbidden Fruits Festival route. Urban Shopping Areas to follow.

Offensive Graffiti has been removed from St. Teresa's Rd, Windmill Road and Stannaway Ave.

Five Traffic signal boxes in the area allocated for "Street Art" are anticipated to be complete by the end of July by the company Dublin Canvas.

Judging of the City Neighbourhoods has commenced, there are 11 entries this year including St. Agnes' Community Centre for Music and the Arts, (CCMA), which has been nominated for Pride of Place also.

The Crumlin/Walkinstown Forum Family Fun Day will host a dog show on Walkinstown Green on the 24th June at 11am. This is an opportunity to raise awareness in responsible dog ownership to combat dog fouling in the area. It is sponsored by Public Domain and organised in partnership with Community Development and the Forum.

The 3 tiered planters have been placed around the village bringing a burst of Summer colour.

Community Report

Historical Talk by Historian Donal Fallon;

A talk in St James's Parochial Hall on the architect Herbert Simms who designed several housing estates and flat complexes across the city. Residents from the Liberties live in complexes designed by Simms and the talk will have relevance to them:

19.00 hrs 27th June 2018

The Famine Remembered:

Students in St. James's Primary School will hear a talk on the Famine from Michael Blanch of An Gorta Mór a group dedicated to remembering the Famine and the reintroduction of the Lumper potato to Ireland. In the school garden vegetable plot the students will plant the Lumper potato which was grown extensively across the country and failed at the time of the famine; **Tuesday 19th June.**

Dublin City Neighbourhood Competition/National Tidy Towns 2018

Local groups and schools are busy preparing their areas for the judging of the competition which will take place during the month of June/July by cleaning, painting and planting of flowers plants and shrubs.,

Decade of Commemorations:

As part of Dublin City Councils commemorations programme four local schools will come together to hold a Q and A secession with re-enactors posing as soldiers who went to fight in WW1. This was followed by a trip to a reconstructed WW1 Trench in Ballyjamesduff to experience what life was like for soldiers living and fighting in the trenches during the great war: **09.00hr 07/06/18**

St.Teresa's Gardens:

The statue of St Teresa has had extensive repairs carried out and is now reinstated in her new location. There are family activities/events have been organized around the event.

Bloomsday in the Barn

Once again the Community & Development Section were delighted to support the organizers of the Bloomsday event in Dolphin's Barn Sunday 10th June for the annual "Bloomsday in the Barn" event. This event was attended by many well known actors gathered in the June sunshine to perform readings and songs from the works of James Joyce. Local people arrived in their droves wearing beautiful period costumes and stunningly decorated hats! Prizes were awarded (and rightly so) to the best dressed Woman & Man.

Much to the delight of those in attendance the Lambert Puppet Theatre made a special guests appearance which brought a touch of nostalgia to the proceedings.

Following the performances afternoon tea was served in the garden where people happily mingled and soaked up the atmosphere.

Street Fest in Rialto

Residents in Church Avenue gathered to celebrate this year's Street Fest in Rialto. Trestle tables lined the street, cakes were baked, sandwiches were made and the tea flowed all afternoon while neighbor's chatted and children played together. A great afternoon was had by all.

Environmental Projects

Plants

Dublin City Council Community and Social Development Team provided a number of Groups /organisations in the Crumlin Kimmage and Liberties area with bedding, perennial, and vegetable plants to enhance their areas in preparation for this years Judging of the City Neighbourhood Competition.

Summer Projects 2018

Dublin City Council Community Development team will support 21 voluntary/non voluntary summer projects this year through grant aid in the Liberties, Crumlin and Kimmage area.

Crumlin Walkinstown Local Forum

Family Fun Day Sunday 24th June 2018

Dublin City Council Community and Social Development Team in conjunction with the Sports Development Section and the Crumlin Walkinstown Local Forum will host the Annual Family Fun day on Sunday 24th June 2018. There will be a parade from Walkinstown Library at 12p.m. which will end on Walkinstown Green, where family friendly activities will take place. In addition to these activities the community team will work with the South Central Area Public Domains team to host a Dog Show on the morning of the Fun Day. People from the local community will be asked to register their dogs in this family friendly community event which will have an element of friendly competition it will also focus on education and caring for your pets and the responsibility of owners when it comes to dog fouling.

Clean Up

Dublin City Council Community and Social Development continue to support the Crumlin Walkinstown Local Forum in their clean up activities. The Forum's next Crumlin Village Clean up will take Wednesday 28th June 2018 from 6pm – 7.30pm.

History group

Dublin City Council Community and Social Development team are continuing to meet with and support the development of the Crumlin Walkinstown Local Forum History sub group. Meetings of the group will take place every second Wednesday in Walkinstown Library.

Show Galway Girl

Following the success of the Show Galway Girl last month in Iveagh Gardens Dublin City Council Community Team in conjunction with Crumlin Area Office will host an additional performance of the show as this year's summer activity for residents of sheltered housing complexes. The show will take place on Tuesday 3rd July at 2p.m. in Fr. Kitt Court. Light refreshment will be provided following the performance.

BALLYFERMOT/DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA

Cherry Orchard (Orchard Community Centre)

Afternoon Activity Clubs - The clubs have on average 20 young children attending each day.

St. Ultan's After School Group - The Group are well established and have up to 15 children attend daily.

Older Persons Dance Group - This group are getting stronger each month with 20 people now in the group. We are planning new activities for them in September. We also plan to have a talk on Gardening in the next few weeks.

Mens Shed Music Group

This group are very strong after just a few short months with us. They recently played at a men's mental health day in Ballyfermot Resource Centre.

Saturday Drama & Dance Group - This group are going steady after only starting recently with us.

SVDP Food Bank.

The food bank is going strong with up to 100 food bags being given out to needy families in the area each Friday.

Karate Club.

The club is going well with steady number of around 30 children attending weekly.

Irish Dancing Group

This long established group continue to attract many young children weekly.

Dyspraxia Group

This group are struggling with numbers dropping due to lack of input from volunteers.

Keep Fit Classes

The classes are going strong with 3 morning classes each week attended by up to 20 women.

Young Mothers Group

This well established group meet every Wednesday morning.

Boxing Club

This well established group are very strong with good numbers attending each evening.

New Groups

The new Family Group meet every Tuesday morning 9.30am-11.30am. The group is aimed at parents with children up to school going age and is a joint programme with us and the HSE.

Child Protection Course

The Child Protection course was held on the morning of 14th June and was organised by Sharon Kelly, DCC Sports & Wellbeing officer. Those taking part were our CE Staff and some summer pool relief staff, as well as some local people.

Cherry Orchard Summer Fair

The centre was involved in the organising and running of the summer fair in the Equine Centre Saturday 9th June. The fair was a great success with lots of families attending.

Cherry Orchard Development

Interviews completed for position of Social Enterprise Innovator as part of Making Cherry Orchard Better Social Plan.

Various local groups applied for the out of hours fund (€50k) to enable services in the area to apply for funding for out of hours and weekend services to benefit Cherry Orchard Area. Amounts awarded will be in next report.

Multi use / Sports Hall extension for Orchard Centre should be advertised within next 6-8 weeks. Aim for a completion date within next 6 months.

Stone Soup Project, Dublin City Council, Cooperative Housing Ireland & local prison services collaborating to rejuvenate piece of green space known locally as The Grotto. Whilst it is still not the completed project just yet, we are progressing the concept rapidly. With a modern and honest approach and jointly coming up with a proactive solution from various parties, in this case Dublin City Council, including Parks & Public Domain, Cooperative Housing Ireland and Stone Soup Project amongst others. A very positive work in progress.

Community Report

Young People

The City Council has allocated funding to the Summer Projects that are commencing throughout the area. The voluntary projects taking place are: D10Swim Club, Diamond Twirlers and St. Ultans after schools group. The following 6 Youth organisations will also receive support to organise programmes: WHAD, Familibase, St. John Bosco, Ballyfermot Star, Cherry Orchard integrated project and St. Ultans Care services.

There are 3 projects from the Kilmainham / Inchicore area: The Core Youth Service and Mary Immaculate and Spraoi Le Gaelscoil, Inse Chór which are voluntary.

Bluebell

The City Council hosted a well attended on site public meeting with the residents from the maisonettes in Bluebell to discuss the installation of a small pocket park memorial garden at the back of the houses. The group have agreed a design for the area and identified an additional area at the entrance to Bluebell to enhance. The City Council will replace fencing at the maisonettes before the work commences.

Ballyfermot 70th Celebrations

The Heritage group and Cathy Scuffil series of Talks that are being held over the four Thursdays (7th, 14th, 21st and 28th) in the library are very popular and well attended. The talks are free and topics left for discussion include: Ballyfermot in War and Revolution and Ballyfermot new suburb new beginnings.

To re create the Road Leagues that were traditionally held during the summer months the City Council is working with Ballyfermot United to organise a Road league Football tournament which will take place immediately after the World Cup, commencing on 17th of July.

The Ballyfermot committee has been nominated with the Ballyfermot Youth Service, Mens sheds and Heritage Society to the Pride of Place 2018 competition. The groups have worked well together in a voluntary capacity and have generated great activity to celebrate Ballyfermot.

The Ballyfermot banners along the main street have added great colour to the area. To compliment them the City Council is placing Welcome to Ballyfermot Signs at the top and bottom of Ballyfermot Road.

Events

There are three festivals taking place in the next month all of which have received additional funding from the discretionary funds to add events and animate the festivals.

Walkinstown Green Fun Day

The Walkinstown/Crumlin Forum supported by Dublin City Council will be holding their annual Fun Day on the 24th of June in Walkinstown Green. There will be a parade from Walkinstown Library at 12:00 noon ending at Walkinstown Green. The fun day starts at 12 to 4pm and there will be entertainment and refreshments on the day.

Drimnagh Festival

On the 7th of July, Dublin City Council with Drimnagh resident's community group and Tidy Drimnagh will hold the Drimnagh Summer Festival in Brickfield Park. This will be a great opportunity to introduce more people to park.

There will be a stage for dancers, a DJ, a ukulele band and a gospel choir. There will also be workshops and sports for the kids. Food and refreshment will be available on the day. The event starts at 1:00 P.M.

Chapelizod Festival

The Chapelizod Festival takes place from July until July 8th. The festival has been running for over 20 years and this year plans to hold a major Grand Opening street party on Sunday 1st. The City Council is supporting the Chapelizod tidy Towns organise their annual Garden competition which will take place during the Festival.

Cruinniu Na nÓg

As part of Cruinniu Na nÓG, the Council, working with Culture Connects, is organising an outdoor concert for young people in LA Fanu Park on Saturday 23rd of June.

Young people from Familibase, Ballyfermot Youth Service and Kylemore College have been working together on the event and will take to the stage at 5:30PM to showcase their music.

Fairy Door Project Brickfield Park

Dublin city council, Dublin 12 Men's Shed and Our Lady of Good Council Boys and Girls National School have collaborated in the installation of fairy doors in Brickfield Park. A competition to design the fairy door was ran in the primary schools. The top 12 doors were selected and sent to the local Men's Shed in Walkinstown to be made. 14 students will attend a workshop in the Men Shed to paint the doors. The unveiling of the Fairy doors will be on the 26th of June at 10:00 in Brickfield Park.

KILMAINHAM INCHICORE NETWORK

Inchicore Shopfront Improvement Scheme 2018

The deadline for this scheme was end of May 2018. There have been 10 applications received with 3 more expressions of interest. Applications are being reviewed and decisions imminent.

A sense of Place – Past Present Future – Kilmainham and Inchicore

The second series of talks – June/July 2018 have begun. This is a collaboration between KIN, OPW and DCC Historian in Residence Cathy Scuffil. It is over four Tuesday evenings in June/July 2018 at the Outhouse Kilmainham Courthouse from 7.15pm to 8.15pm. Here are the speakers: 1. Cathy Scuffil – 12th June “ SCR South Dublin Union to Islandbridge”. 2. Vincent Hourican 19th June, “Community Policing – A Personal Perspective”. 3. Liam O Meara 26th June “Who Remembers Keogh Square?” 4. Maeve Casserly 3rd July “Relics of war – the complex history of Irish War Memorial Gardens”

Goldenbridge Industrial Estate and Jamestown Road Industrial Estate

Over the next six weeks research will be carried out on these two industrial estates looking at ownership and occupancy.

Public Domain Report

10 Smart Big Belly Bins have been allocated to the South Central Area. Over the next 2 weeks Smart Big Belly Bins will be placed at the entrance to the Crumlin Hospital on Cooley Road, the Longmile /Naas Rd Jct.and Islandbridge. A further 4 similar bins have been ordered for the the area with funds allocated from the discretionary funds. These will be located at: Chapelizod Plaza, the Gala in Ballyfermot Rd; Errigal Road Shops and outside the Eleanora Public House, Drimnagh.

The City Neighbourhoods competition is in full swing with 30 groups entering this year. All Team Dublin Clean-Up entrants will qualify for the new community clean up category. Chapelizod and Drimnagh Tidy Town entrants are working very hard and Public Domain is providing practical supports along with Community Development to encourage continued success.

Urban Village hot washes will be completed at select high traffic areas in Chapelizod, Inchicore and Drimnagh over the summer.

As part of the Dublin Canvas project to reduce graffiti on public streets local artists are painting traffic signal boxes in the area: Grange Cross, Molloy's in Ballyfermot "Patience is a virtue" by Local Artist Anne Marie McGrane; Inchicore College of Further Education "Deep Forest" by Shane Ha with another 12 to follow over the coming weeks.