

**Area Manager's Report
South Central Area Committee
Wednesday 21st November 2018**

December South Central Area Committee Meeting

Just a reminder that our meeting for December is scheduled for a Wednesday the 12th of December. The closing date for receipt of Questions and Motions is **5.00pm on Wednesday the 28th of November.**

CRUMLIN/KIMMAGE ELECTORAL AREA

South West Inner City Area Report

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 this month. 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 before the end of the year with construction works likely to commence shortly after the tendering process is complete.

St. James Linear Park

The Parks and Landscape Services are developing designs for St. James Linear Park (Brandon Terrace to Rialto Bridge and Rialto Bridge to Suir Road Bridge). Initial community workshop took place on Thursday, 13th September in the F2 Centre, Reuben Street Plaza, Rialto.

Francis Street

A Part 8 Planning Application was agreed at the September 2017 City Council meeting to provide for a more pedestrian friendly environment which encourages people to visit Francis Street and its environs on foot. The plan also supports the continued commercial operation of the Arts and Antiques quarter. Detailed design work has now commenced on the Public Realm Improvement Plan for Francis Street with a view to inviting tenders in Q1 2019.

Dolphins Barn

A Part 8 Planning Application for a Public Realm Improvement Plan for Dolphins Barn was agreed at this month's City Council meeting

Meath Street

A consultant has been appointed to facilitate the preparation of a part 8 planning application for Meath Street and its environs. The Plan will describe a series of improvements to Meath Street to enhance the use and attractiveness of the street including all public realm areas. The design will also reflect the retail/market profile of Meath Street. Stakeholder meetings with local residents and businesses took place on 24th and 25th October.

St. James Graveyard, James Street, Dublin 8

Restoration work in this historic graveyard to provide an accessible amenity that compliments the visitor experience of the recently developed micro distillery commenced last month.

Islandbridge Court

Works to install a hard surface MUGA (multi use games area) in Islandbridge Court is complete with the facility now available for use by the local community.

Marrowbone Lane/Summer Street South junction

The Area Office intends to replace an area of informal car parking to the rear of the pavement at Marrowbone Lane (close to Summer Street South junction) with a new landscaped strip, to include a new paved area, grass and planting. As an interim measure the area has been cleared of parking and surveyed, with the hope to progress the landscaping before the end of the year. This is a project envisaged under the Liberties Greening Strategy.

Ardee Street

In addition, the Area Office and local Housing Manager is proposing to meet with residents of Pimlico Terrace in the spring to discuss either resurfacing or landscaping of the tarmac area on Ardee Street. The area is in poor repair and is subject to quite disorganised parking, including on the pavement. As an interim measure this area was been cleared for a short period to facilitate surveying.

Improvements to public lighting on Bridgefoot Street

The Public Lighting Section, at the request of the Area Office has made improvements to public lighting on Bridgefoot Street as the first step to enhancing the public realm of this street. The Dangerous Buildings Section has also arranged demolition of an unsightly derelict structure at the north end of the street. Further improvements to the pavement and carriageway have been requested for the new year, while the planned Bridgefoot Street park will greatly enhance the street.

Bluebell

Work to install a new 4g full size floodlit all-weather pitch to replace the grass pitch adjacent to the Youth and Community Centre commenced in July. It is expected that the installation will be completed and the pitch available for use in November/December.

Work commenced in June on the Tallaght to Inchicore cable project and includes:

- The demolition of the former ABC Hall
- Provision of approximately 36 community allotments

Before demolition works commenced a ceremony took place on 1st October to mark the end of the Hall which dated to the early 1970's when residents came together to form the ABC, the Association of Bluebell Communities, and to build the Community Centre on Bluebell Avenue which came to be known as the ABC Hall.

The project, which is weather dependent, is expected to be completed by the end of this year or early next year.

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

Currently works are continuing with paving of southside footpaths on Windmill Road, excavation of the footpath to allow indented parking bay and cladding of feature wall.

Expected completion date is the end of November.

Stannaway Court, Senior Citizens Complex

New gas boilers have been installed in all units. Bord Gais have commenced works to install new gas lines and move meters to the gable end of each block. It is intended that installation of the new lines and moving of the meters will be completed in the first instance in Block 1 (units 1-12). This will allow us to identify any problems, costs etc. Once Block 1 has been satisfactorily completed we will commence work on the remaining three blocks. Insulation works are unlikely to commence until the New Year.

CCTV in Benbulbin Road and Lissadel Road

We are still awaiting direction from the ESB in relation to a power supply for the Benbulbin Road (at the shops) camera. Because of the need for a separate power supply and a separate camera pole, costs have increased substantially and we are looking at ways of meeting the extra costs involved. In the mean time we will be replacing the fixed camera at the Park end of Benbulbin Road with a 360 degree camera with a range of 500 meters. This camera will be capable of capturing the front of the shops on Benbulbin Road and will assist in monitoring that area until the other camera is installed.

Given the increased costs for the installation of the CCTV on Benbulbin Road, costs for CCTV on Lissadel Road will also increase significantly. This, along with the proposed redevelopment of the Lissadel Road/Ard Scoil Eanna site, mean it will not be possible or appropriate to install CCTV at Lissadel Road this year.

Rafters Lane – WALK Voluntary Housing Association

Construction works are well underway on site. Due to the restricted access and confined nature of the site, the contractor has been given permission to bring in deliveries through Lissadel Court on one day a week. Deliveries are only allowed between 12.30pm and 2.30pm on Tuesdays and this arrangement is working well at the moment. The projected completion date for this project is July 2019.

St. Agnes Park – Respond

Construction works continue and the units are anticipated to be completed in December. Allocations have finalised selection of applicants for nomination to Respond Housing. These applicants will be interviewed over the next few weeks.

Halloween

The Halloween period in Drimnagh and Crumlin passed off relatively peacefully. The various Community events which were organised by, and with, the assistance of our Community team were a tremendous success. While much bonfire material was removed in the run up to Halloween and on the day itself a number of bonfires still took place. However, the assistance and information provided to the Area Office by both the Gardai and members of the local community proved invaluable in reducing the negative aspects of the Halloween festival. We are particularly grateful to An Garda Siochana for providing extensive support which allowed our crews to work safely.

Anti-Social Behaviour in Drimnagh area

We are currently working with the local community and An Garda Siochana to address the upsurge in anti-social behavior in Drimnagh, which occurred in the run up to Halloween. Commitments. A number of commitments were given in relation to physical improvements around the Brickfield Park area and we are liaising with other DCC departments to meet these commitments.

Community Report

Wellbeing events

Dublin City Council Community and Social Development in conjunction with the Dublin12 Meditation Group are organising 2 morning sessions which will include a taster in meditation, head, shoulder, hand massage and ear acupuncture to promote wellbeing. These event will take place on Monday 26th November and Monday 3rd December at 10.30a.m. in Fr. Kitt Court. Booking is essential to book a place please contact 085 2362491.

IPB (Irish Public Bodies) Pride of Place Awards 2018

Congratulations to St. Agnes Community Centre for Music and the Arts who represented the South Central Area and were worthy recipients of the award in the Creative Place Initiative category. The winners of the IPB Pride of Place Awards in association with Co-operation Ireland were announced at a gala awards ceremony in Cork on 17th November. This all-island competition acknowledges the work that communities are doing all over the island of Ireland.

Crumlin Walkinstown Local Forum.

The Crumlin Walkinstown Local Forum AGM will take place on Wednesday 21st November at 4.45p.m. in Fr. Kitt Court, Dublin City Council Community team are continuing to support the forum in the community events and activities.

Community Development Grants Scheme 2019

Dublin City Council Community area team have received this year grant applications which have been received and registered for the Crumlin/Kimmage ward. The team are currently in the process of assessing and making recommendations for same.

History on Your Door Step - Watch This Space

Much to the delight of local residents, an unsightly lane in Reuben Street is about to be transformed. In the coming weeks four large History on Your Door Stop panels will be erected on the gates at the entrance to a lane which is a regular dumping spot.

The panels will feature local black & white images from the archives along with historical information which has been compiled by Historian in Residence, Ms. Cathy Scuffil. It is hoped the entrance to the lane will now become a conversation piece and a space where people will gather to read and chat about bygone days. This is a joint collaboration between DCC Libraries and the Community Section in Eblana House.

Dublin's Theatre Royal Remembered

At St Catherine's Church Meath Street on Friday 23rd November (Thanks Giving Day)
By Popular Demand!!

This sell out event will feature some of the American Greats including Danny Kaye, Judy Garland along with photographs, archive footage and songs to transport you back to the glorious days of Dublin's finest Theatre.

The Theatre Royal Crew will also sing Roses in Picardy as a special tribute to Sonny Knowles who performed in the Theatre and is also relevant to the anniversary of WW1. Special invited guests will include the American Students from Champlain College who will also attend a special thanks giving dinner in The Little Flower Centre on Saturday night. For tickets contact: Helen Burke / Mary Noonan 222 5200/222 5500

BALLYFERMOT/DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA

Cherry Orchard Meadows

The current position regarding the 72 units in Orchard Meadows is that 36 three bedroom houses have been let. I have been advised that MDY have exited examinership and now trade again. CHI has arranged a meeting with MDY for Monday 19th November to discuss the potential of them recommencing on site. CHI will confirm following the meeting how they are to progress the scheme.

Elmdale

The development is on schedule with a small number of units due to be ready before Christmas, the rest on a phased basis in 2019 with the additional 19 units to the original build being completed by May 2019. Further discussions have taken place with the residents around the installation of a small playground and a location has been agreed. DCC staff is working with the Equine Centre around organising a trip for the children of the estate to compensate for the loss of the green space due to the ongoing works. This will possibly take place before Christmas.

Cornamona Court

The tender documents were received on 15th October and the Design Team is currently assessing them; once they complete this process, they will issue a tender report to Housing Department. The Housing Department will then seek approval from the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government to award the contract. The Architects Section is unable to confirm a timeframe for the awarding of this contract at this time.

Environmental Works

The installation of trees and shrubbery in Barneville was completed and there has been minimal damage since. A stone planter will also be installed at the entrance on the left with the name of the estate engraved in the stone. This follows on from the provision of skips earlier in the year and working with the residents to improve their estate. The residents requested some play equipment to be installed and a goal and standalone basketball hoop & board have been ordered and will be installed early in the New Year in the larger green space to the left of the entrance. In Croftwood Gardens, the planters have been installed and planted and miniature trees have been installed in the green spaces near the houses. Three trees

were damaged on the first night and we intend to replace these as soon as possible. This is part of a wider plan to install trees at various locations throughout Cherry Orchard.

Four trees have been removed near the footpath at the Civic Centre Park to allow greater visibility and more room for the remaining trees to flourish and further works have commenced in the Civic Park itself near the Civic Centre building to remove some trees, prune others and thin out the shrubbery. Funding to carry out these works is from the discretionary fund.

Most of the work requested by the residents for California Hills has been completed with only minor issues remaining. The additional gym equipment has been ordered and will be installed before the end of the year in conjunction with other outdoor gym installations.

Chapelizod

A further meeting took place recently between DCC's Architect and the sub-group regarding the Springvale site. The residents are unhappy with the designation of the units as entirely social and have raised concerns about the impact of additional traffic in the village. They have also raised concerns about the limited number of parking spaces for the units. A meeting is arranged for Thursday 22nd November with DCC's architect and the sub-group to discuss the social impact review. The Scout/community hall will be a standalone building located near the entrance to the Phoenix Park and further meetings are planned to discuss the design and future usage of this building.

Business Community/Christmas

The Ballyfermot Area office staff are working to co-ordinate the Christmas Fair which will be held on Saturday 1st December. We have already received twenty-two applications for stalls from local individuals and community groups who want to show case their crafts. It is intended for the Fair to run from 12 noon to 5pm with the Christmas Tree lighting to take place immediately afterwards. The Ballyfermot Area office is working to co-ordinate the lighting of the additional trees and the installation at Fr. Lemass Court in conjunction with the Christmas tree at the Civic Centre. It is intended to arrange a meeting with the business owners in the New Year to discuss the impact of the improvements to the streetscape and to work with them with new initiatives.

Kilmainham Inchicore Network

Kilmainham Civic Space was a Finalist in the international *Academy of Urbanism's Great Space Award 2019*. The award ceremony took place in London on the 7th November 2018 and Kilmainham Civic Space unfortunately lost out to Granary Square in London. Congratulations to South William Street who won the Great Street Award on the night!

A Sense of Place Talks Autumn/Winter 2018

The next series of the Sense of Place Talks have begun. This is a collaboration between KIN, DCC Historian in Residence Cathy Scuffil and the OPW at Kilmainham Courthouse. The remaining talks will take place between now and Christmas at the Outhouse, Kilmainham Courthouse – Tuesdays 6.30pm: -

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Christmas Lights Inchicore Village:

Christmas Lights on Trees in Inchicore Village centre and on two trees along Tyrconnell Road are in situ offering festive spirit. Thanks to the 2018 Discretionary Funding for this initiative.

Inchicore Regeneration Consultative Forum (IRCF):

The first meeting of the IRCF took place in Richmond Barracks on Tuesday 6th November 2018 (see Membership list below).

Eamon Devoy, Independent Chair, outlined the purpose of the Consultative Forum and a draft terms of reference, circulated in advance, was accepted. DCC Housing officials attended the meeting and presented on the redevelopment of Emmet Road Site.

A questions and answer session ensued and the next meeting of the CF will take place Monday 10th December 2018 at 7.30pm in Inchicore College.

A series of **Public Information Meetings**, hosted by the IRCF, are taking place over this month of November in Richmond Barracks. DCC Housing are attending and presenting information available on the redevelopment of the Emmet Road site. Two meetings have so far taken place - 12th Nov 2018 a meeting for residents and 19th November meeting for businesses.

Residents meeting: +150 residents in attendance; Business meeting ~20 in attendance. Eamon Devoy chairs; Aoife Hannan gives a brief introduction to the work of the KIN and Sandra McAleer gives the DCC Housing presentation about the redevelopment of the site. A questions and answer session takes place post presentations.

The main concerns highlighted are:

- Issue of Anti-social behaviour needs to be dealt with before more homes built.
- Thornton Heights (Phase 1) review needed of the development.
- Density too high (for a pilot project).
- Inadequate info. re Cost Rental Model and suggested income thresholds too low, tenure terms and conditions – can units revert to social housing units?
- What happens if you lose your job – will you be able to remain in cost rental home?.
- Lack of detailed info re. units - quantity/breakdown & size/ parking/Pepper potting social housing.
- Lack of info. re Management of the Estate post development.
- Traffic Management? Potential effects.
- Community Facilities need to include sufficient educational requirements -built in advance of homes, what will Civic Centre entail? Why another Library?
- Commercial Units – a suggested Supermarket; does the DCDP allow for large supermarket? Will there be sufficient car parking spaces?
- Consultation Process important.
- Work needs to be of high quality.
- What about Tyrone Place?
- What about Inchicore Village Regeneration?

The last IRCF Information Meeting takes place Monday 26th Nov at 7.30pm in Richmond Barracks aimed at Community Groups.

Below is a list of members of the Inchicore Regeneration Consultative Forum:

Inchicore Regeneration Consultative Forum 2018/2019	
Name	Organisation
Eamon Devoy	Independent Chair
Aoife Hannan	Forum Director
<u>KILMAINHAM INCHICORE NETWORK</u>	
1 Mary Fagan	Kilmainham Inchicore Network

2	Angela Rolfe	Kilmainham Inchicore Network
<u>LOCAL ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES</u>		
3	Cllr Criona Ni Dhalaigh	Local Elected Representative
4	Cllr Tina Mc Veigh	Local Elected Representative
5	Cllr Vincent Jackson	Local Elected Representative
<u>BUSINESS</u>		
6	Derek Beahan	Beahan Recovery
7	Tom O Mahony	St Patrick's Athletic FC
<u>COMMUNITY</u>		
8	Louis Mc Dermott	St Michael's Parish Church
9	Eilish Comerford	Family Resource Centre
10	Robert Neill	Inchicore/Kilmainham Positive Community Action Group
11	George O Gorman	Liffey Gaels GAA Club
12	John Tierney	Inchicore Environmental Group
13	Eric Caffrey	Core Youth Project
14	Stuart Fraser	Inchicore Bluebell Community Addiction Team
<u>RESIDENTS ASSOCIATIONS</u>		
15	Dave Neill	Bulfin Estate Resident's Association
16	Deirdre Molloy	Tyrconnell Grove Resident's Association
17	Ralph Mc Garry	CIE Works Resident's Association
18	Mary Woods-James	Inchicore Resident's Association
<u>EXPERT GROUP</u>		
19	Tonya Hanly	Our Lady of Lourdes National School
20	TBD	An Garda Síochana
<u>Youth</u>		
21	Marta Dimsca	Mercy Secondary School Student
<u>Attendees:</u>		
	2 DCC Officials	DCC South Central Area Office

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Community Report

Ballyfermot 70th Celebrations

The Ballyfermot 70th celebrations activities are drawing to a Close. The group received €20,000 from the Discretionary Fund which they have used to organise major community events throughout the year. The Heritage Group organised a range of talks and events on Ballyfermot which older residents really enjoyed. The Ballyfermot Youth Service organised events to celebrate key women throughout the area, a Youth Carnival and events to promote the canal. Other major events included La Na Crinniu, Volunteer Night and entry into the Pride of Place competition.

Pride of Place

Congratulations to DCC's Ballyfermot Area Office Community staff and the Ballyfermot 70th Anniversary Committee on their recent success in the national IPB Pride of Place competition finals in Cork last Saturday night.

The competition judges entrants on the strength of local community volunteerism and Ballyfermot's victory in the Urban Category reflects the incredible efforts of volunteers in the area since its foundation in 1948 right up to the current time.

Spearheaded and guided by DCC's community staff, a true team effort saw 18 different groups and over one hundred individuals participate in an incredibly strong entry and succeed in persuading judges that Ballyfermot is indeed unique for both the quality and quantity of its community voluntary spirit.

Well done Ballyfermot-what a fantastic way to cap the year's anniversary celebrations.

Community Festivals Ballyfermot / Drimnagh

How communities organise community weeks and family days has changed in the last few years. Residents and committees do not have the time for local fundraising. Procedures regarding insurance, health and safety, event management and permits can be daunting and expensive. Community events have to be well run with quality attractions and safety a priority.

During 2018 the Community Development team worked with 10 voluntary organisations to host large scale events and provided practical support and assistance. The City Council was able to provide additional financial support to the Drimnagh Community festival, Cherry Orchard Family Fun Day, Ballyfermot Youth events, Chapelizod Festival, Ring Street Family Fun Day, Halloween events in Ballyfermot and Drimnagh and the Ballyfermot/Chapelizod access group with funding from the Community festival discretionary budget of €15,000. This funding was greatly received at local level and in addition to taking pressure off committees to fundraise it also added quality attractions at events.

Older people

The City Council will produce a Cold Weather information sheet for older residents in the Ballyfermot / Drimnagh area. The information sheets will be circulated throughout the area and at community events in the coming weeks. The City Council will also promote the Alone reach out Christmas campaign to encourage people to keep an eye out on older neighbours. Bezzie the one-woman show will take place in Fr. Lemass Court On Tuesday 11th of December at 2:30PM and a Carol Recital for the residents from Fr. Lemass, Claddagh, Black Ditch, Annamore and Rossaveal will take place on Wednesday the 12th with Music and songs provided by the Ballyfermot Folk Choir.

Environmental

The City Council supported the Bluebell Environmental Group to complete another clean up and community planting beside the shops in Bluebell.

The residents from the Maisonettes in Bluebell that worked on the installation of the small pocket park memorial garden are planning a dedication at the garden at 5:30PM on Tuesday 27th of November in advance of the Christmas tree lighting in Bluebell.

International Men's Day

To Celebrate International Men's Day the City Council is organising an Open House in the Ballyfermot Library with music, coffee and cakes! on Tuesday November 20th between 1:00PM - 3:00PM. The event will target the local Men's Sheds and is open to the public too. Fiann O Nualláin will be the guest speaker.

Drimnagh Men's Club supported by Dublin City Council have organised a presentation on men's health by Barry McKeon on the 28st of November at 2pm in the Our Lady's Hall on Mourne Road. Refreshment will be provided

National Neighbourhood Culture project 2019

The South Central Area has been paired with The National Concert Hall and the Hugh Lane Gallery for the 2019 Neighbourhood project. Staff from Dublin's Culture connects are holding tea and chats throughout the area to begin the process of identifying programmes for next year. The Local area office is represented the Community Development staff on the Neighbourhood Project advisory group to ensure that the programme connects at a local level.

Cherry Orchard

Ballroom & Sequence Dance classes.

This group started a second class on Friday mornings. This group originally started back in March with a class on Wednesday mornings and that has been so successful that they now have the second class. There are now over 40 people in the group, when they started the group had 5 the first morning.

Mens Music Shed.

The group were given a Tesco Community Grant of over €370 in November. Staff and Management from Tesco Liffey Valley presented the group with a cheque on November 15th in the Orchard Centre. See pic below.



Afternoon Clubs.

We have made some changes to our timetable due to numbers attending. We have cancelled some of our clubs for the younger age group 5-7yrs. However, the older group 7-12yrs has seen a good increase in numbers recently.

New Hairdresser.

The Centre will be opening new hairdressers in November which will benefit the local community greatly as well as the Centre.

Santa Visit.

Santa will visit the Centre on Saturday 8th December. We will have face painting and arts/crafts for the children as well as the children seeing and meeting the Big Man himself.

Ballroom & Sequence Dance group.

The group will be having their Christmas Party in the Centre on Thursday 13th December. Food and Drinks will be provided by the group themselves as they all make something to bring to the party. There will be a professional dance display given on the night by a professional dance couple as well as dancing for all who attend.

Community Breakfast.

Following on from last year's very successful event the Centre will hold a community breakfast on Wednesday 19th December for all people in the area who give up some of their time to help the local community. This will include all volunteers and people we know who work with the local community to make it a great place to live.

Christmas Pantomime.

Last year was the first year that a Panto was ever held in Cherry Orchard. It was a fantastic success with over 700 people and children attending. This year we will be again holding a Panto thanks to Basement Productions Theatre/Drama group.

We will have shows on in Early January which will be promoted widely around the area and Ballyfermot.

