

**Area Manager's Report
South Central Area Committee
Wednesday 12th December 2018**

January Area Committee Meeting

Just a reminder the deadline for the receipt of questions and motions for the January Area Committee meeting is Wednesday 2nd January 2019 at 5pm.

Community Development Grants 2019

The time line for 2019 Community Grants scheme is as follows: -
The Pre Area Committee information meeting for the 2019 Community Grants will be held in City Hall at 2.00pm before the January 16th Area Committee Meeting. The final Report will be presented to South Central Area Committee on February 20th 2019.

CRUMLIN/KIMMAGE ELECTORAL AREA

South West Inner City Area Report

National Enterprise Town Awards

The Liberties was recognised in the recent National Enterprise Town Awards held in Kilkenny on 28th November. The area received a runner-up award in its category – Cities – losing out to Galway City. Our entry to the Awards was supported by local businesses and other organisations at a judging event in October that showcased small business, local enterprise and social and community life in the area.

St. Audoen's Park, High Street

Works to enhance St. Audoen's Park by improving accessibility, permeability and circulation commenced in October 2017 are substantially with the park due to reopen in early January 2019. The reconfigured western entrance will incorporate a play garden.

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 with a further round of meetings likely to take place in January/February when preliminary proposals will be available.

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 are ongoing.

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 agreed at the June 2018 City Council meeting. Tenders for the updated new build were also issued in June with a contractor due on site in December.

Precinct Improvement Works in the area between the refurbished blocks, to include a small playground, hard and soft landscaping and enhanced lighting, commenced in November and are scheduled to be completed in mid-February.

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 was substantially completed in November 2018 with the new residents starting to move in from 28th November.

Work commenced in April this year to construct 42 units of older persons apartments with a community centre at a site to the rear of the football pitch. The new complex will be managed by Fold Housing Association. It is the intention to transfer the existing tenants in Dolphin Park to the new dwellings. Dolphin Park, which consists of 44 bedsits, would then be demolished to allow for new housing to be developed on the site. The recent difficulties in relation to the contractor have been resolved with work recommencing in late November. The completion date is now likely to be late summer 2019.

Bluebell

Works 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. The installation was completed with the pitch available for use in late November.

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 is expected to be completed in February /March 2019.

Public Domain South West Inner City Area Report

Public Domain has completed an intensive clean of Thomas St and Merchants Quay. James Street and Patrick Street to follow.

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.

Substantial completion was certified on 30th November. Snagging and finishing works are currently being undertaken and full completion of the project is imminent.

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

A new 360-degree camera with a range of 500 meters has now been installed on Benbulbin Road. This camera is providing high quality footage and capable of capturing the front of the shops on Benbulbin Road in good detail and there may now be no requirement to install the camera at the shops. Given the increased costs for installing CCTV on Lissadel Road along with the proposed redevelopment of the Lissadel Road/Ard Scoil Eanna site, it will not be possible or appropriate to install CCTV at Lissadel Road this year.

Rafters Lane – WALK VHA

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 VHA

Construction works continue and the units are still anticipated to be completed in December. However, given the proximity to Christmas, even if the units are completed it may not be feasible to move tenants in until the New Year. Allocations have finalised selection of applicants for nomination to Respond Housing and all of these applicants have now been interviewed and allocated units.

A dispute has arisen in relation to a €520 deposit and one weeks advance rent that Respond are requesting from new tenants. Housing Development have advised Respond that they are not entitled to request these payments from tenants under the terms of the Payment and Availability Agreement they have signed with DCC. Respond are challenging this interpretation and state this a standard payment for all their schemes. The matter has been referred to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government for clarification.

Update for pedestrian crossings at Clogher Road and Parnell Road / Herberton Road and Dolphin Road.

Just to update you on the above two junctions that were recommended for the 2017 works programme and are currently at stage 4 but there was insufficient funding within the Traffic Advisory Group's works budget to fund these projects.

These projects were passed to Perry Chitombo, Senior Executive Engineer and he has included these two junctions as part of the South Grand Canal Cycle Lane Improvement Scheme. As part of the Phase one, Perry will be resurfacing the stretch from Crumlin Road to Mespil Road (leaving out the junctions) in Q2 2019.

Phase two will entail the provision of protected cycling and pedestrian facilities at all the junctions along the route. The plan is, we will appoint a consultant to prepare, design and contract administration for the construction of the scheme. It is anticipated that construction will commence in 2020.

Public Domain Crumlin/Kimmage Area Report

Village wash scheme for Crumlin Village has been scheduled for next week. The name stone at entrance to car park in the village will be cleaned and enhancements will be completed in Oisín Memorial Park at village entrance Bunting Road. The Mural on the hoarding at CCMA, (St Agnes Community Centre for Music and the Arts), has been completed and will be launched the 1st Week in January. The mural uses recycled materials including plastic bags, old children's toys and CDs to replicate musical instruments. A stunning portrait of Phil Lynott has been incorporated into the mural with kind permission from Philomena Lynott. This celebrates local achievements in bringing music and the arts to generations of Crumlin residents and the most recent win at the Pride of Place Awards in the Creative Initiative category.

Community Report:

The Suffragette Hat Celebration

Richmond Barracks: 11am – 1.00 pm - Saturday 15th December 2018

On the 100th anniversary of Constance Markievicz's landslide victory in the 1918 elections 100 women will gather in Richmond Barracks to raise their up styled hats in honour of her and of all the women from Dublin South Central who have followed in her footsteps in their struggle for women's rights and social justice.

100 women took part in the project which is run by The Yarn School, and jointly sponsored by Dublin City Council and City of Dublin Education and Training Board.

The event is guaranteed to be a showcase of talent and style with the display of hats. There will be speeches, songs, story -telling, photographs and of course, tea, coffee and homemade cakes.

A Christmas Carol

The Back of the Pipes Residents Association will host what is now an annual event, "Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol," a reading by professional actors of in aid of The Peter McVerry Trust in Our Lady of Dolours Church in Dolphins Barn on 16h December at 3.00 pm.

Environmental Enhancements

Spring Bulbs will be distributed to groups within the Crumlin/Kimmage and South West Inner City to assist them in their environmental projects within their areas.

Herberton Park, Environmental Project

In response to a request by local residents in the Herberton Park area, Dublin City Council's Community Development Section and Rialto Environment Group have been working together with a view to visually enhancing the appearance of the street. This week saw the arrival of a number of attractive containers with specimen evergreen trees. They have been placed at the entrance of Herberton Park with a view to creating a green corridor effect. In Spring residents will be offered trees for their front gardens and hanging baskets in preparation for next year's Tidy Towns and City Neighbourhood competitions.

Another visual improvement at Herberton Park has been the installation of an attractive mural on the Haven Pharmacy wall in association with Dublin City Council's Shop Front Improvement Scheme.

Sundrive Residents Group

Dublin City Council Community, Public Domain and Park Section are delighted to support the Sundrive Residents who have agreed to do a large bulb planting scheme on the green space, the first phase of this took place on Saturday 1st December 2018. The Community section will continue to support the group with further enhancements.

The Memory Lane Choir Christmas Sing along

The Crumlin Centre for Music and the Arts (CCMA) is hosting a Christmas sing along with the Memory Lane Choir, on Wednesday 19th December 2018 from 11.30a.m. to 12.30p.m.

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremonies:

All Christmas tree lighting ceremonies have now been completed and Christmas cheer surrounds the area. The Community Development Team wishes to acknowledge all the help and support from the local community groups, schools and business who participated in these well received family events in the Liberties/Crumlin/Kimmage areas.

Lord Mayors Christmas Concert

Dublin City Council Community team distributed a small number of tickets for the Lord Mayor Christmas Concert in Sunday 9th December at 7p.m. in the Mansion house throughout the Crumlin Kimmage and South West Inner City Area.

Christmas Parties/Events

The Community team have supported a number of community groups this year with their Christmas Parties, fairs etc. throughout the Crumlin/Kimmage and South West Inner City Area.

The Crumlin Walkinstown Local Forum will host their annual Christmas Dinner for people living alone on Christmas Day in Fr. Kitt Court, the group is currently taking bookings.

BALLYFERMOT/DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA

10 Acre site at Park West

Funding from Waste Management, Planning and Development, and Housing has been made available to clean up the 10 Acre site at Park West from the train station to the roundabout near St. Oliver's Community Centre. A massive cleanup operation has been complete and the site has been secured to prevent further illegal dumping. A follow up campaign will begin shortly to raise awareness on dumping and enforcement measures. Painting and enhancements of the local area will also be included.

Cherry Orchard

I have been advised that MDY are back on site at Orchard Lawns. They anticipate they will finish 24 of the remaining 36 units before the year end. The remaining 12 units will be completed early in 2019. These units will be ready for occupation January/February 2019.

Elmdale

A hand over of a small number of units from the contractor to DCC may take place before Christmas but these will not be let until January 2019. Building works are still progressing on schedule. An information meeting was held on 6th December with residents from Elmdale Crescent regarding the extension of the cul-de-sac to accommodate access to eight houses. Irish Water caused some issues in Elmdale Park as no notice was given regarding their arrival on site and they were working on both sides of the road which caused difficulty to residents entering and exiting their properties. All services work is now completed and the street was cleaned by ABM.

Cornamona Court

The Architects Section is unable to confirm a timeframe for the awarding of this contract at this time. No further update on the commencement date on site.

Environmental Works

A stone planter with the name of the estate engraved will be installed at the entrance to the Barneville estate. The residents requested some play equipment to be installed and a goal and standalone basketball hoop and 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 but these have now been reordered and will be planted in the New Year. Sites have been identified throughout the area for additional trees which will be planted in the Spring.

Work has been completed in the Civic Park near the Civic Centre building to remove some trees, prune others and thin out the shrubbery. Additional fencing was installed to replace missing sections. CCTV is being installed on the Civic Centre to monitor the Park. 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 installed in close proximity to the existing equipment.

Chapelizod

A further meeting took place on 22nd November between DCC's Architect and the sub-group for the Springvale site to discuss the social impact review. While the sub-group were happy that the review had taken place, the general consensus was that the review was too general and didn't take into account the unique characteristics of Chapelizod. Further meetings will take place to discuss the design and usage of the scout/community hall in the coming weeks.

Business Community/Christmas

The Ballyfermot Christmas Fair was held on 1st December in the Civic and Community Centre with huge support from the Area office staff and BCA. We had 30 stalls for local groups to display and sell their products. During the day, Santa visited the children, refreshments were provided by Ballyfermot Star, there was live music and singing and the event closed with the official lighting of the Christmas Tree. A bucket collection for Pieta House was also held at the Fair and we are waiting to find out the total collected. The lights on the Christmas bow on Fr. Lemass Court and the four Christmas trees at Grange Cross came on as dusk fell on Saturday evening. We have had a very positive feedback from

residents and business owners about the Christmas lights and we intend 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

The LED Light bulbs on Vincent Street West will be upgraded to optimise lighting in the area in response to community concerns regarding anti-social behaviour on pedestrian route to Luas. Some painting and enhancements will be completed to try and improve this street and the site on St. Michaels Estate.

A Sense of Place Talks Autumn/Winter 2018

The last of the series of six Sense of Place Talks takes place Tuesday 11th December at the Outhouse, Kilmainham Courthouse at 6.30pm:

11-December Liam O Meara - "What did St Nicolas Look like?" This is a collaboration between KIN, DCC Historian in Residence Cathy Scuffil and the OPW at Kilmainham Courthouse.

Trees in the Ground Project

(Discretionary Funding €10) – Trees are being planted on DCC lands in the Inchicore area at present and Turvey Park Planting (Discretionary Funding €10k) is also taking place at present.

Kilmainham Mill:

DCC are in the process of acquiring Kilmainham Mill. On a recent visit in early December 2018 by DCC Officials to review the Mill, a specialist structural engineer sourced by DCC, was on site to advise on some immediate measures to be completed once the handover takes place. The intention is to carry out a more detailed dilapidation survey and inspection once the property is in the ownership of the City Council. This detailed inspection will provide a list of essential repairs to be completed in the immediate future. These works will be specified and completed by contractors specialising in historic structures. The City Council has a framework in place of specialist heritage contractors, to whom we would tender the works.

Immediate efforts are focused upon securing the site to include on site security presence as well. In order to minimise any potential anti-social behaviour in the short term DCC would be grateful if publicity surrounding the transition of the Mill to DCC was kept to a minimum until such a time as we have more of a foot-hold in the project and have more people on site to handle such matters.

A project team has been established by Eoin Keegan, chaired by Donncha O' Dualing and will steer the future of Kilmainham Mill. From early 2019 Darragh Cunningham will Project Manage the project and will be the main day-to-day contact going forward.

Inchicore Regeneration Consultative Forum (IRCF):

The second meeting of the IRCF took place in Inchicore College, Monday 10th December. Eamon Devoy, Independent Chair, reviewed and got agreement on the final terms of reference. The Chronology of the Development Process was discussed as well as the communication strategy between DCC and the Consultative Forum as well as the possibilities with regard to the Consultation Process. The next steps will include inviting Minister Murphy to meet the CF and the setting up of subcommittees. A report on the public information meetings that took place during November 2018 was discussed.

Community Report

Christmas Trees

The Council supported Christmas tree lighting ceremonies in Bluebell, Ballyfermot, Cherry Orchard, Inchicore, Drimnagh and Chapelizod. The events were well attended and great credit is due to the community organisations that volunteered on the nights and provided the refreshments.

The Council also supports St. Michael's Church, Inchicore where every year the tree is decorated with handmade stars in remembrance of people who have died during the year.

Bluebell Environmental Group

The Environmental group recently completed Improvements to a small derelict site beside the shops in Bluebell. The group works closely with the City Council and has identified additional projects for 2019.

Daffodil Planting

The winter bulb planting initiative was very successful. The Fusion Project supported by Mark Doyle from the City Council planted over 2600 bulbs in Cherry Orchard. Community Groups from Chapelizod, Inchicore, Bluebell, Ballyfermot, Walkinstown and Drimnagh have been planting bulbs on open spaces in anticipation of a colourful spring bloom.

Older people

The City Council has produced a Cold Weather information sheet for older residents in the Ballyfermot / Drimnagh area. The information sheet has been circulated throughout the area and at the Annual Ballyfermot Community Association Parties for older people held in the Civic Centre during December.

Ballyfermot 70th Celebrations

The final Celebration events took place in the Library on December 3rd.

The Heritage Group launched a Photo Celebration anthology which documented and captured the events held to mark the 70th. to produce an excellent Book of 1400 photos. The book is being sold for €8.00 with any profits going to local charities. The Ballyfermot Heritage Flicker and Facebook page has had over 19 million hits with people from all over the world connecting with Ballyfermot.

The Ballyfermot Youth Service presented the "Countess Markievicz award" to Ms. Marie Dodrill and Ms. Pam O Reilly for their lifetime commitment and voluntary activism in the area.

Cherry Orchard

Ballroom and 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. 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.

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.

Enterprise

The Center now has a hair salon in the building and it opened for business on Saturday 8th December. Opening hours are Thursday, Friday and Saturday's 9.30am-5pm.

Food Bank

The Food Bank run through St. Vincent de Paul is continuing to grow in numbers, with some Friday's over 200 people attending.

Santa Visit

On 8th December, Santa visited the Centre. He arrived by horse and carriage with the Horse Power Project and we had around 200 children 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 who worked 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 called The Fairies and the Shoemaker 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.

On behalf of Paul, Barbara, Jaqueline and Cherry Orchard Project Manager Dave O'Donovan. we wish you all a peaceful Christmas and a prosperous 2019!