

**Area Manager's Report
South Central Area Committee
Wednesday 16th January 2018**

Community Development Grants 2019

Following the approval of the pre Area Committee information meeting, the final report will be listed on the Agenda for the February Area Committee Meeting.

Kilmainham Mill

Kilmainham Mill was taken over by Dublin City Council on the 10th December 2018 when the occupant vacated the premises. The official acquisition was completed by the DCC Law Department on the 21st December.

Dublin City Council Chief Executive Owen Keegan has placed Darragh Cunningham in the role of Project Manager for the site with project overseen by Senior Executive Officer and former Heritage Officer, Donncha O' Dhulaigh. A Steering Committee has been set up which will be chaired by Donncha, comprising of Darragh Cunningham, (Project Manager), Jackie O'Reilly (C.R.E.S Dept), Mary McDonald (Heritage), Bruce Philips (South Central Area), Steven O'Gara (Enterprise), Deirdre Ni Raghallaigh, (Chief Executive's Office) and Iseult Byrne (CEO, Dublin Culture Connects). Initial works commenced to secure the building in the short term such as: -

- Removal of buddleia growing through the masonry and over the roof.
- Draining of rain water pooling on the flat area of the roof.
- 24-hour security installed to negate the potential of vandalism or anti-social behaviour.

The building is in a state of extreme disrepair with findings of mains water leaking through walls and gate damage which have also been fixed.

Chief Executive Owen Keegan and Assistant Chief Executive, Richard Shakespeare, have visited the site on the 17th December. A pre-dilapidation survey is scheduled for early January which will make the building safe for a full dilapidation survey to take place. The full dilapidation survey is expected to begin in Quarter 1 of 2019.

O'Donovan Road

A summons has been drafted and will be served on the owner of the property for a date returnable in the District Court in March 2019. The owner of the neighbouring property has been updated and any damage caused to her property as a result of works carried out to 18 O'Donovan Road is a civil matter between the owners of both properties. The Planning Enforcement Section is satisfied that the action they have taken is the most appropriate to have the property rebuilt in substantial compliance insofar as is now possible with the permission granted in as short a time as possible. All options were considered following the unauthorised demolition of the entire property.

Measures in the run up to the Local Elections

In the run up to the local elections and due to the boundary changes in the South Central Area/South East Area and as mentioned at the December Meeting, I will facilitate and adopt the approach we had in the run up to the last local election where there was also a boundary change. The position on this occasion will be the same i.e.:

- South East Area Councillors will be able to submit one motion (which under Standing Orders 67 they can do anyway). However, they must be in the Chamber to move this motion or in the event that they are unable they may get one of our members to move the motion if they are so agreeable otherwise it will fall.
- We will accept one and **only one Emergency Motion** from **South East Councillors** and the criteria for an emergency motion will apply and must be submitted by the deadline. They will have to be present in the Chamber to move this motion etc.
- We will not accept questions to the Area Committee Meetings as per Standing Order No 26: - *Questions submitted to the monthly City Council meeting may relate to a citywide or a local issue. Questions submitted to an Area Committee Meeting may relate to a city wide or a local issue of that Administrative area only.*

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 are substantially complete with the park due to reopen in Spring 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 February/March 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 commenced are ongoing.

Bluebell

Tallaght to Inchicore cable project

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 Report for SWIC

Public Domain will be initiating an intensive clean of footpaths at either side of St. James's Hospital entrance and also along Ushers and Merchant's Quay over the next couple of weeks. The hoarding at the vacant site on Bridgefoot Street has now been painted and graffiti removal will begin again in the area shortly.

A meeting with the Liberties Over 55's Social Club has been arranged for the 24th of January so that the local community have up to date contact information for incident reporting and will also help the Community Development and Public Domain teams establish strong connections to build on last year's City Neighbourhood success.

Community Report

Tenters Garden is Getting a Face Lift!

In response to a request from local residents the Tenters Commemorative garden is about to be environmentally and visually enhanced. The sycamore trees which are encroaching on the adjacent school wall are to be removed along with some unruly shrubs. The large containers will be freshly planted and the DCC granite stone will be power washed. All in time for the Tenters 100-year celebration.

Rialto Environmental Group

Rialto Environment Group in association with Dublin City Council's Area Office are currently working on the graphics for a new Heritage Information Panel. The panel which will be situated on the canal bank between Herberton Bridge and Suir Bridge, will feature colourful images and information regarding the native plants, birds, mammals, insect's bats and underwater life that inhabit this natural local amenity the Grand Canal. The SWIC Community Development team continue to support the Rialto Development Association with their many events which are hosted throughout the year.

Better Links Stronger Communities - Tidy Towns Conference 2019

The SCA Community Development team in association with Waste Management Services have notified local community groups who have been actively involved in their neighborhoods and communities to attend this conference in Knightsbrook Hotel, 2nd February 2019. This year DCC will be endeavoring to further enhance the South Central Area through environmental projects/programmes, this conference will be a wonderful opportunity for participants to network and share experiences with other groups with a view to participating in future Tidy Towns Competitions.

Crumlin/Kimmage Area Report

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. We are awaiting switching over to new line by Bord Gais and will commence insulation works to Block 1 when this has been done.

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.

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 practical completion date for this project is July 2019.

St. Agnes' Park – Respond VHA

Construction works continue but there is no confirmed handover date as of yet. Respond have advised that they will be sending letters of offer out in the next two weeks and tenant training will take place in the last week of January. They expect the units to be fully occupied by the end of February. It has been clarified that tenants will not be charged a deposit.

Raleigh Square- Tuath Housing Association

Works are progressing on these units and they are on course for handover at the end of June 2019. Tuath have advised they will be seeking nominations, from Allocations, for the 33 units in early June.

Public Domain Report for Crumlin/Kimmage

Oisín Memorial Park, Bunting Road, Crumlin has been rejuvenated. The memorial has been cleaned and the surface has been replaced on the walkway. Further enhancements will be completed shortly with input from local residents and the Crumlin/Walkinstown Forum.

Painting on the exterior boundary wall of the Transport Club has commenced. Further enhancement of the green area will be carried out shortly.

Community Report for Crumlin/Kimmage

Crumlin Walkinstown Local Forum History Subgroup

Dublin City Council Community Development team are continuing to support the forums history group. They are currently in the process of rearranging a date for an exhibition on documents and images of a local landmark sourced on a trip to Pearce Street library archives. Plans for an exhibition for display late February are well underway. Further information to follow.

Blarney Park Allotment and Community Gardens

Dublin City Council Community Development team are meeting with allotment holders and community garden members to renew licenses for 2019. The team will continue to support the community garden to build on their success in 2018 South Central City Neighbourhoods competition.

Crumlin Men's Shed

Dublin City Council Community Development Team are assisting the newly established men's shed which will be based in the Sundrive area.

BALLYFERMOT/DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA

Housing and Environmental Issues

Cherry Orchard

Having spoken to the Project Manager of CHI, I have been informed that MDY did not return to site as indicated in December 2018 but are close to signing draft contracts this week. There is agreement in principal between CHI and MDY and the projected timeframe for completion of the units when the contractor returns to site is approximately six weeks. No allocation will be made within this timeframe although some applicants have been interviewed and the process for selection is still ongoing.

Elmdale

The new housing units in Elmdale in Cherry Orchard will be ready for letting shortly on a phased basis. We expect that nineteen (19) units will be ready over the next week or two and to facilitate this, the Architect's Section at our request has arranged for a two bed and three bed unit to be viewed this week on Tuesday 15th Jan and Friday 18th Jan at 10am and 2pm. We intend to hold additional viewings as the units become available for letting and all prospective tenants will be viewing the units before they make a final decision. The units on view are accessed by Cherry Orchard Green at the entrance to the site. As with the previous Rapid build units in Cherry Orchard, we will set up interviews with MABS, Citizen information and the Community Welfare Officer before the prospective tenants sign for their tenancies. Before Christmas a window cleaner contractor was engaged to clean the windows of houses which have been affected by the dust and noise from the building works. In all, 136 houses were included. The Equine Centre has been tasked with organising a series of events for the children of Elmdale who have been without a green space since the development commenced in November 2017. Ongoing meetings have been held with the residents to address any issues, including residents from Elmdale Park regarding road works and Elmdale Crescent regarding the extension of their cul-de-sac.

Cornamona Court

The Architects Section has confirmed that the tender evaluation is almost complete, hopefully by the end of January. Government approval will then be sought to award the contract.

Environmental Works

Outstanding work for Barneville include a stone planter with the name of the estate engraved to be installed at the entrance to the 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. Sites have been identified throughout the area for additional trees which will be planted in the Spring.

CCTV has been installed at the Civic building to monitor the Civic Centre Park. Funding to carry out these works is from the discretionary fund.

Outstanding works for California Hills include the crowning of trees and the planting of bulbs. It is hoped to upgrade two wheelchair accessible gates in the near future to prevent access to the Park by scramblers and horses.

Chapelizod

Two further meetings have taken place with the residents of Chapelizod regarding the proposal for the inclusion of a Scouts Hall and community facility in the Springvale site. The initial meeting was held with the sub-group to discuss the submission made by the Scouts

and to establish what additional community uses are required. It was agreed to hold a public meeting which went ahead on 13th Jan. last. There was very good feedback from the community and they welcomed the proposal for a community facility. The Architect Section will now finalise the brief and present it to the design team.

It is expected that work on site for the main housing scheme will commence March/April 2019 but there will be further meetings held before the design is agreed.

Business Community/Christmas

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. The Ballyfermot Area office arranged for the relocation of the big belly bin to the Gala Centre and reinstall the normal bins outside Borzas on request from the owner. Now that the Gala is under new management, it was felt that the big belly bin would be better used on the square in front of the shop near the bus stop. We are hopeful that this row of shops will be painted in the Spring as organised by the owners and it is hoped that this will encourage other shop owners to link with us regarding their own shop fronts.

The Orchard Centre

After the Christmas break we are welcoming back our clubs and groups to us again. Many clubs start back straight away with others stating back mid-January. As well as our groups from last year we will be welcoming some new additions to what we offer the local community in 2019.

- A new hair salon operates from the centre and is a great addition to what is on offer to local people. The salon is taking appointments now and has been open officially since late December.
- All **After School Clubs** clubs started back the week the schools were back.
- This **Ballroom/Sequence Dance Group** started back Wednesday 9th of January. The first day back was our busiest yet.
- **The Men's Music Shed Group** started back first week in January. They have a busy year ahead of them as they are being asked more and more to attend various events and play some music for the events.
- **The Boxing Club** is back training with us since first week in January. This group are hoping to move into the new extension this year. This will greatly help the club and will also free up time in the main centre to put on new activities.
- **The St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank** service returns Friday 11th January. This service has provided food bags every Friday for over a year now and in that time has given out thousands of bags to people in need from the area. The service is expanding and the centre is supporting this by providing some additional space for them to use. Although we have very limited space for storage etc. the food bank manages to provide up to 200 food bags each week.
- This will be the second year of our **Panto** and a lot of planning goes in to putting it on. It was a huge success last year with over 700 people attending the various shows. We are expecting another great turn out to see this year's production, The Fairies and the Shoemaker. Thanks to Basement Productions for all their hard work on this event.

- In the **Orchard Centre** we have a number of main events and times throughout the year that we plan for in advance and organise special activities for. This planning starts at the beginning of the year. So over the next few weeks we will start our plans for the many high points we have during the year

Kilmainham Inchicore Network

For your information upcoming events:

1. ***Inchicore College Open Day*** takes place Tuesday, January 22nd 2019, 12-6pm. Meet the students and teachers and find out about the course you are interested in. Open Day will show you what College life is like. We have small classes, a great location and it will give you a real sense of Inchicore College. See: www.inchicorecollege.ie

2. ***“Imagining possible futures for the Camac River”***: At “The Outhouse” on the grounds of the Kilmainham Courthouse, on Thursday the 7th of February 2019 from 6.30 to 7.30pm, Mary-Liz Walshe, Water Framework Development Office (DCC – Engineer and Planner) invites you to hear from a small group of speakers (some will be known to some of you from previous events) who will present some new current environmental material relating to the river which may help illustrate possible future challenges. The evening will finish with a general discussion and tea and coffee for all. Please respond to this email address (CamacHeritage@dublincity.ie) before 21st January 2019 if you are available to attend. We look forward to hearing from you.”

Public Domain Report for Ballyfermot/Drimnagh

The work instigated in 2018 to address largescale dumping along Park West Ave will be extended to include further fencing adjacent to the roundabout at St Oliver’s Community Centre. The railing at the rear of Barneville as you enter Park West will be repainted.

Some enhancements, planting, painting etc. will be completed on Vincent St. West along the boundary with St. Michael’s Estate including cleaning up the boundary at the pigeon club and painting the railings. The lighting upgrade is expected to be completed shortly.

A survey is currently being carried out on the condition of the railings at Ceannt Fort. The Public Domain and Community Development Team will be working with the local community to do remedial works in this area.

Community Report for Ballyfermot/Drimnagh

Environmental Projects

The City Council is working with the Ballyfermot Environmental group to encourage community organisations and local schools to play their part in improving the local environment. Local Youth Organisations and Realt Nua from Ballyfermot Star have already committed to the project which will identify common areas for environmental enhancements. Following the success of Bluebell Memorial Garden and the installation of planters next to the shops. Bluebell Environmental Group will continue to work with DCC community development to transform and reinvent the general space in Bluebell and Camac Park. Tidy Drimnagh will have the support of DCC to implement a number of projects planned for 2019.

The City Council in collaboration with the 94th Walkinstown scouts will enhance the environment by planting daffodil bulbs on Walkinstown Avenue commencing on Saturday the 12th of January at 14:00.

Inchicore CIE Works Resident Association

Community Staff are supporting the CIE Works residents to enhance the environment, green the area and possibly set-up a Men's Shed in the CIE Sports & Social Club.

Ballyfermot Men's Shed

The City Council is working with the Ballyfermot Men's shed which is based in converted shelters at the rear of the Ballyfermot Resource Centre. As the group currently has a waiting list, they are hoping to expand their premises and activities so they can cater for more men. The Council is supporting a new environmental project with the group and also the establishment of an ukulele band. The Council and resource centre are supporting the group to set up formally so they can access funding.

Chapelizod Community Choir

The Chapelizod Community Choir which targets older people with dementia was set up by Dublin City Council in 2016. The Choir is growing from strength to strength in the recently refurbished Maryfield convent. There are up to 30 people from the Ballyfermot /Chapelizod area attending on Thursday afternoons with new members always welcome. A Committee from the convent, HSE and DCC has been established to develop the choir.

Ballyfermot United Football Club.

Work will commence on January 21st to refurbish the Ballyfermot United's junior team dressing rooms. This project was funded from the 2018 discretionary funds.

Walkinstown Residents Association

Electrical and insulation work has commenced in the Walkinstown Residents Association Head Quarters on Bunting Road. This project was funded from the 2018 Discretionary funds.

Math's Eyes

This exciting new educational project, a joint collaboration with St. Dominic's College, will introduce a fun approach to maths in the everyday environment whereby both young and older people can engage in a type of scavenger hunt to locate digital clues in public places. The project, utilising staged wooden stakes with attached QR codes, will be located in California Hills Park. Already a huge success in Tallaght, work has commenced on the project which it is hoped will be in place by the end of March.

Drop off points for Christmas Trees

Bring/Recycle Centres	Opening Hours
Pigeon House Road Recycling Centre, Ringsend, Dublin 4	Mon to Fri 9am – 5pm Sat 9am – 4pm Closed Sundays
Sandymount – Sandymount Car Park, Strand Road (opposite Gilford Road), Dublin 4	Mon to Sun 9am – 5pm
Windmill Road Bring Centre, Crumlin, Dublin 12	Mon to Thurs 9am – 4pm Fri 9am – 1pm Sat 10am – 4pm Sun (6th 13th 20th <u>January only</u>) 10am – 2pm
Gullistan Terrace Bring Centre, Rathmines, Dublin 6	Mon to Thurs 9am – 4pm Fri 9am – 1pm Sat 10am – 4pm Sun (6th 13th 20th <u>January only</u>) 10am – 2pm
Sandymount – Sandymount Car Park, Strand Road (opposite Gilford Road), Dublin 4	Mon to Sun 9am – 5pm



Please Note – Milltown Car Park and Walkinstown Green are no longer a Christmas tree drop off points. Dublin City Council would like to thank everyone for their recycling efforts during the year. Let's make 2019 the best year yet for recycling.