

**Area Manager's Report  
South Central Area Committee  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**CRUMLIN/KIMMAGE ELECTORAL AREA**

**South West Inner City Area Report**

**Update on Kilmainham Mill**

Stakeholder engagement has begun with Save Kilmainham Mill Campaign and the Residents Association. Bi-monthly meetings with both groups commence on the 21<sup>st</sup> of February and the Project Manager, Darragh Cunningham is in regular contact with both groups.

Some basic site clearance work has been done to clear foliage at the rear of the Mill at the mill race and along the river. These works are basic health and safety works enabling the relevant specialists safe access around the building. The works were carried out following consultation with a licensed archaeologist, the Save Kilmainham Mill Campaign and the Residents Association who were in full support.

A grant application has been made by Dublin City Council to the Historical Structures Fund (HSF) for the amount of €200,000. If successful the (HSF) funding and additional DCC funding will enable emergency stabilisation works to the building itself, roof repairs, propping of floors, mesh on windows, clearing of guano and other bio-hazards etc. These works will make the building safe for further surveys to commence. An asbestos survey should be commissioned in the coming weeks. Future usage options are yet to be explored until such a time as the building is safe to fully access.

**Shopfront Improvement Scheme 2019**

The Area Office's Liberties Business Area Improvement Initiative has announced the latest tranche of funding available under the Shopfront Improvement Scheme. This year the scheme will cover The Liberties, Dolphins Barn, Rialto and Clanbrassil Street (Leonard's Corner area). Applications are invited by 5<sup>th</sup> April. It is hoped to support 15 projects.

**Urban Regeneration: The GEC (Guinness Enterprise Centre) Expansion**

The Guinness Enterprise Centre has announced a €10m investment in its Taylors Lane premises to double the existing floor space and allow it to accommodate up to 160 startups and companies employing over 700, as well as 200 coworking spaces. The centre is supported by Dublin City Council through its LEO Office. A planning application has been submitted to Dublin City Council.

This announcement comes ahead of a major regeneration plan for the 12acre St. James's Gate Quarter by Diageo (with the first planning applications expected later this year) and the preparation by The Digital Hub Development Agency of a masterplan for its so-called Windmill site to the north of Thomas Street. In addition, a new workshare operator, Iconic Offices, will open its latest facility called The Grainhouse at 151 Thomas Street (former IAWS) in March. The scheme will accommodate 700 people when fully open.

**BusConnects**

The NTA has published outline plans for a number of high capacity corridors through South Central Area including Liffey Valley to City Centre, Clondalkin to Drimnagh, and Greenhills to City Centre. The Area Office is currently reviewing the suggested change proposed by

BusConnects and the implications for Area Office public realm projects and the wider development agenda in the area. More details at [www.busconnects.ie](http://www.busconnects.ie).

### **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.

### **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.

The environmental improvement scheme comprises improvements to the public realm the full length of Francis Street, Hanover Lane and part of Dean Street. The proposed works will include the following:

- Improvements to kerb build-outs
- Footway repaving
- Raised junction plateaus
- Kerb buildouts to formalise parallel parking and loading bays
- Landscaping
- Greening
- Bicycle stands,
- Carriageway resurfacing
- Raised pedestrian crossings and ramps
- Public lighting improvements

Detailed design work commenced in 2018 with a view to inviting tenders in quarter2 2019. It is expected that construction works will commence in late 2019/early 2020.

### **Meath Street**

We are in the final stages of the preliminary design phase. We would hope to have another internal consultation by the end of February and another public consultation in March.

### **Francis Street**

The Francis street EIP is continuing into the detailed design phase. It is envisaged that construction will commence in the autumn of 2019.

### **Dolphin's Barn**

The Dolphin's Barn public realm improvement plan is awaiting resources from the Environment and Transportation Department to progress to the detailed design stage.

### **Bluebell**

Work commenced in June 2018 on the Tallaght to Inchicore cable project and includes:

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

The Hall was demolished late last year whilst the allotments are expected to be completed in April. Applications for the allotments were invited from Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Bluebell Community Council Report**

Bluebell Community Council has recently opened their new office at no 1 Bernard Curtis House. This office will provide information to residents, community groups, and all the

relevant agencies and service providers. Bluebell Community Council has selected Mr. Kieran Rose as Independent Chairperson and Clifford Sullivan as Legal and Business Consultant. Brian Maher of GVA Planning and Regeneration LTD has been retained by Bluebell Community Council to draft a plan for the area. A meeting between Planning Department, the Area Office, GVA and representatives of the Bluebell Community Council is scheduled for Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> of February.

## **CRUMLIN/KIMMAGE AREA REPORT**

### **Crumlin Area Office Report**

#### **Opening Hours**

Due to reduction in staff numbers, a review of opening hours may be required, with a possible temporary reduction in opening hours.

#### **Stannaway Court, Senior Citizens Complex**

New gas boilers have been installed in all units. Bord Gais have completed the installation of new gas lines and moved meters to the gable end of each block. Old gas lines will now be removed and insulation works can commence. Insulation works are due to commence before the end of February. New composite doors have been ordered and have a six week lead in to delivery and installation. It is likely to be mid to end of March when doors are installed.

#### **St. Agnes Park – Respond VHA**

Final snagging works are continuing but there is no confirmed handover date as of it yet. Respond has advised that all units have now been offered to and accepted by nominated applicants. Tenant induction has also been completed. Respond expect the units to be fully occupied by the end of February. It has been clarified that tenants will not be charged a deposit but will have to pay a week's rent in advance.

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **CCTV at Benbulbin Road and Lissadel Road**

A new 360-degree camera with a range of 500 meters was installed on Benbulbin Road. This camera was providing high quality footage but was attacked and damaged. The camera has been repaired and was reinstalled on the 15<sup>th</sup> February. The contractor is trawling through footage to try and identify the individuals responsible for damaging the camera.

We have requested a report from the Crime Prevention Officer in relation to improvements that can be undertaken in Brickfield Park to address anti-social behavior in this area. The Parks Section are currently removing trees at the Benbulbin end of the park which should allow greater visibility.

### **Cooley Road**

Bollards have now been installed on the footpath at Cooley Road at the Children's Hospital. This will help alleviate illegal parking which has resulted in a number of serious accidents and ongoing traffic delays.

### **Community Report**

The SWIC/Crumlin Kimmage Community and Social Development Team continue to support new and existing community/residents groups and organisations who are actively engaged in their communities throughout the year.

### **Maryland Grotto**

The final stage of the environmental enhancement of the Maryland Grotto is now under way, this entails the plastering and painting of the feature wall at the grotto, and some new plants to rejuvenate the area. It is envisaged to hold a community celebration here during the summer.

### **Celebrate all that's great about Dublin 8**

Dublin City Council's Area Office is delighted to be associated with the LOVE DUBLIN 8 Community Fair which is taking place in St Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February.

Over one hundred and twenty local groups will participate in this event including: Social & Community Groups & Networks, Voluntary Agencies, Adult Education, Youth Groups, Schools, Art / Culture / History Groups and local Businesses to name but a few. The event will commence at 5.20pm with an Evening Song recital by the St. Patrick's Cathedral Choir. Doors will open to the public at 6.15pm

### **Environmental and historical talks**

Eric Dempsey, renowned Ornithologist, will be presenting the first of a series of educational and informative talks on bird life in the city, the first of these presentations will take place on the 6<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00am in the Educate Together School in Griffith Barracks, the theme of this talk is aptly timed for the springtime arrival of our City visitors *Apus Apus*, the Common Swift.

### **Historian in residence**

Historian in residence, Cathy Scuffil, will give one of her many and interesting talks about the Dublin connection to the "Way of Saint James" on the 20<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm in St James Church parish hall.

### **Tidy Towns Conference**

Following the successful Better Links Stronger Communities Tidy Towns Conference 2019 last month, a number of communities are now energised and motivated to get ready for their spring cleaning city neighborhood competitions.

### **Crumlin Walkinstown Local Forum History Subgroup Historical Exhibition**

Dublin City Council Community Development team supported the forums history group on their Historical Exhibition with the title of: - *15\* acres in Crumlin (\*15 acres. Oroads. 39perches) From Leicester house to a Children's Hospital.* The exhibition is taking place on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019 in St Mary's Parochial Hall, St Agnes Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12 from 10.00a.m. - 6.00p.m. All materials which will be on display have been sourced from Pearse Street Library Archive by the Crumlin Walkinstown Local Forum History Sub Group. All welcome. See attached brochure for further details.

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

To celebrate International Women's Day, Dublin City Council Community and Social Development is supporting Dublin12 Meditation Group. They are hosting a free taster session in meditation, head, shoulder or massage and ear acupuncture in Fr. Kitt Court, on Thursday 7th March 2019 from 11a.m.-1p.m. Booking is essential, please ring 0852362491 to reserve your place.

### **Open Day from Community Groups**

Following on from the success of last years Open Day, Dublin City Council Community Development Team is assisting the Crumlin Walkinstown Local Forum in hosting an Open day for Community Groups on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> of March between 11.00am - 3.00pm in the school hall, Scoil Una Naofa. The event will be an opportunity for groups to network among themselves as well as with the wider community.

### **Lá le Prátaí at Flanagan's Fields**

St. Patrick's Day is the traditional day for planting early crops of potatoes and once again the Back of the Pipes Residents Association will be hosting their annual "Lá le Prátaí". This much loved community event will take place in Flanagan's Fields in Reuben Street. Local residents will gather to plant potatoes and take part in the Patrick's Day Celebrations. Residents can expect some amazing culinary delights cooked from locally sourced food from the community garden not to mention great music and craic.

## **BALLYFERMOT/DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA**

### **Housing and Environmental Issues**

#### **Cherry Orchard**

The contractors, MDY, are back on site since Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February and they have been mandated to carry out all outstanding works. They expect to have the remaining thirty-six houses ready for occupation within the next six weeks. Prior to this, some sub-contractors were back on the site under the direct provision of CHI. That work related to street lighting and enabling works in preparation for the main contractor returning. Applicants are being contacted by CHI and interviewed in preparation for offers of accommodation.

#### **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 coming weeks and the Ballyfermot Area office is awaiting confirmation from Architects Section that the paperwork is in order and that the keys can be collected. The nineteen units consist of 11 two bedroom units and 8 three bedroom units. 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. 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. We have had expressions of interest from over 300 applicants in the units.

#### **Cornamona Court**

The tender process for this scheme has recently concluded and a report recommending an award of contract has been issued. Approval is now being sought from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government 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 playground company have taken delivery of the play equipment and will be on site before the end of February to discuss the location of the football goals and standalone basketball hoop. Sites have been identified throughout the area for additional trees which will be planted in the Spring.

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.

### **Chapelized**

A Chapelized Steering Group meeting was held on 6<sup>th</sup> February at which Parks Dept. and Public Domain staff were also in attendance. Issues around derelict sites, new developments, tidy towns proposals and the general upkeep of the area was discussed. Members were also invited to agree a date for a public meeting regarding the Springvale site. The date of 28<sup>th</sup> February to hold the public meeting with the residents of Chapelized in St. Patrick's School to discuss the proposals for the Springvale site was agreed.

### **Business Community/Christmas**

The Area Office intends to arrange a meeting with the business owners in the Spring to discuss the impact of the improvements to the streetscape and to work with them with new initiatives. We are hopeful that the row of shops adjacent to the Gala building will be painted soon 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.

## **Community Report**

### **Community Environmental Projects**

The City Council is working with the Bluebell Environmental Group and local interests to redesign and redevelop the grass area opposite the shops.

The Community Team is supporting transition year students from Mercy Secondary School, Goldenbridge to take part in the Young Social Innovation Programme. The girls hope to link in with older people in Bulfin Court and participate in environmental projects like planting and clean-up's in the area.

### **Ballyfermot Environmental Project**

The Ballyfermot Environmental Project will be opening its 2019 activities with a series of community clean ups which will take place over a four-week period. The first two will commence in the Drumfinn Park area and Cherry Orchard's Croftwood Gardens. These environmental projects are joint collaborations between the Council, local residents, and various community groups and educational agencies.

### **California Hills Math's Eyes Project's**

The California Hills Math's Eyes Project's planning stage is complete as the overall project nears fruition. It is planned that the final phase of the project will see an unveiling in early March following extensive collaboration between DCC's Community and Parks Departments, St. Dominic's school and Tallaght IT.

### **Coiste Bhailethormaid**

Coiste Bhailethormaid is an exciting new Irish language and cultural heritage project designed to enhance and further promote all thing Irish in the Ballyfermot area. This local Coiste already has a full schedule of events lined up for March's Seachtain na Gaeilge festivities with its centerpiece being a full Ceili for over two hundred second year students from local schools being hosted in the Ballyfermot Community Centre. The City Council is



hoping to establish a similar group in the Drimnagh area to organise events for Seachtain na Gaeilge. Banners promoting Irish and Seachtain na Gaeilge will be placed along the main street, Ballyfermot aided by funding from the 2019 Discretionary Fund.

### **History / Heritage group**

There is a big interest in local history in the Dublin 12 area. Dublin City Council brought those interested together and a new History / Heritage group has been established. The Council will support the group through providing seed funding, speakers, and organise visits to historical points of interests. The Council hopes that a committee will form and the group will grow. The next meeting will be held in Good Counsel GAA club on Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of March.

### **Social inclusion**

- Community Development is supporting Inchicore Works Resident Association to set up a Men's Shed.
- Meetings are ongoing with Community Development, the H.S.E. and the Oblate Community Employment Scheme to extend and retain the daily meals produced in La Touche Court. It is also proposed to book a number of practitioners to host a series of talks on health and wellbeing.
- A new walking group has been established in Inchicore supported by Dublin City Council. The Ring Walkers Group meets Monday to Friday at 9am and 7pm and family walks will be on Saturday at 4pm and Sunday at 12:30pm. The Council has also supplied hi-vis vests and walking leader training for group members.
- The Council is working with the Ballyfermot Resource Centre to organise classes to set up an ukulele band. The first classes will take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb at 11:30AM
- The Ballyfermot /Chapelizod Partnership grants are now open. The Community team have worked with local organisations to submit applications for LCDC Local Facilities Enhancement Fund and Creative Ireland for Cultural events.

### **Cherry Orchard**

#### **Christmas Panto - "The Fairies and the Shoemaker", Basement Productions Theatre Company.**

We were very happy to have our second Christmas Panto in the centre during the month of February. The Panto took place on the weekends of 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> with a 3pm show each day. These shows were open to the public and had a good attendance. There was also a special show put on, on 31<sup>st</sup> January for St. Ultan's school which was greatly enjoyed by the younger pupils and teachers alike. This was an opportunity for the Parents and Young Children from Cherry Orchard and Ballyfermot as well as other areas to come to a Pantomime and experience the fun and laughter enjoyed by so many other children around this time of year. Most if not all attending would not have this opportunity if it was not brought to the centre. Many thanks to all involved in putting on such a successful event which was attended by nearly 400 people.

#### **Mica's New Hair Salon in the centre.**

Our new venture is coming along nicely with customers coming and going and creating a great buzz in the building. It is an appointment only service and appointments are made directly through Mica the lady who operates it.

#### **Sequence/Ballroom Dancing Classes.**

This group meet every Wednesday and Friday mornings 11-12.30pm. The group are together less than a year and have grown from 4 members to over 40. A great bunch of people and always inviting new members.

**Afternoon Activity Clubs.**

Our children's clubs every afternoon Tues-Friday are going strong with over 60 children attending weekly.

**Boxing Club.**

This well-established club is going great and has a waiting list for new members.

**New Baton Twirling/Majorettes Group.**

Elite Twirling Academy started with us at the beginning of February. So far the group are going great and have a large number of children attending. The group have reached out and have members of the Traveling community as well as some homeless children attending. This is a great thing for all involved and we are giving as much support as we can to the organisers.

**Men's Music Shed.**

This group who started not too long ago with us have grown greatly in numbers and confidence. From small beginnings around 5 men they now have over 20 in the group. Not bad for a group who are together less than a year.

**Bingo Nights.**

We have two bingo nights in the centre. Monday and Wednesday's. This is a popular past time especially for our older people.

**Cherry Orchard Tae Kwan Do Club.**

This group are together around a year and have taken on new members over that time. They are with us Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

**St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank.**

The food bank is continuing to provide a vital service to many individuals and families in the area with over 120 people collecting food bags every Friday from the centre.




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**HISTORICAL EXHIBITION**



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