



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH 2019

- 1 Minutes of Meeting held on 20th February 2019**
Order: Agreed. The Minutes were amended to reflect Motion No. 681 as being deferred to the March meeting. This motion was then taken with Motion No. 695 at the end of the meeting.
- 2 March Questions to the South Central Area Manager**
Order: Replies to Questions and the Area Manager's report circulated.
- 3 Roads & Traffic Matters**
 1. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group held on the 26th February 2019 in relation to Traffic Matters in the South Central Area.
 2. Traffic Service Requests Status Report at 15th February 2019.**Order: 1. Report noted.**
2. Report noted.
- 4 South Central Area Matters**
 1. Presentation on Kilmainham Mill.
 2. Naming and numbering proposal for a new mixed use development on a site at 88 – 90 Drimnagh Road, Drimnagh, Dn. 12.
 3. Area Manager's Report.**Order: 1. Presentation given by Darragh Cunningham, Project Manager. The Members requested a Public Representative be included on the Steering Group. Presentation noted.**
2. Noted.
3. A report was given and was noted by the Members, (see attachment).
- 5 Community, Culture, Economic and Emergency Services**
 1. Public Library Events for March 2019 – South Central Area
 2. Sports and December Report for March 2019 – South Central Area**Order: 1. Report noted.**
2. Report noted.
- 6 Planning and Economic Development Matters**
 1. Proposed grant of a further licence for the use of part of the premises at Longmeadows Pitch & Putt Club, Sarsfield Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10.**Order: 1. Agreed. Recommend to Council.**

7 **Emergency Motion**

Standing Orders was suspended to deal with the following Emergency Motion: -

Deferred Emergency Motion No. 1 in the name of Councillor Ruairi McGinley

That this Committee agrees that the pay and display scheme scheduled for Herberton Park, Dublin 8 not proceed in light of sustained objections by residents of the street in question.

Order: Not Agreed. A vote was taken resulting in 6 votes against the motion, 3 for the motion with 2 abstentions. The process will now proceed.

8 **March 2019 Motions**

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
20th March 2019

690 **Councillor Tina MacVeigh**

This Area Committee agrees that an investigation into the infestation of rats in our housing complex at Oliver Bond House be immediately undertaken, including an inspection of the old community centre and of all old rubbish flues to ensure there are no rats nesting in them.

Order: Agreed.

691 **Councillor Hazel De Nortúin**

The Area Committee will facilitate a presentation by the Transition Year of Mercy Secondary school in Inchicore on their Social Innovation Fund Programme.

Order: Agreed.

692 **Councillor Daithi Doolan**

This Area Committee expresses deep frustration at the delay in developing Cornamona site, Ballyfermot. We call on the Department of Housing to release the funding immediately and allow Dublin City Council to start building the 61 units without further delay.

Order: Agreed. The members agreed the motion be forwarded to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government.

693 **Councillor Vincent Jackson**

That this Area Committee resolves to invite Dwyer Nolan into the next or a special meeting of the South Central Committee, to discuss their plans for the development of the former De La Salle Lands at Ballyfermot Road. These lands are a substantial part of the fabric of Ballyfermot and when re-developed need to take into consideration the existing community of Ballyfermot, the potential and concerns of the area.

Order: Agreed. The members agreed the motion be forwarded to Dwyer Nolan Developments with an invitation to discuss the issues contained in the Motion at a future meeting of the Area Committee or a separate meeting with the members from the Ballyfermot/ Drimnagh Ward.

694 **Councillor Michael Mullooly**

That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to initiate a Public Realm Walking Infrastructure Scheme for Drimnagh.

Order: Agreed.

695 Councillor Pat Dunne

That this Area Committee notes the continued and persistent dog fouling which is polluting our footpaths and green areas throughout the area. We call for a major public domain campaign aimed at tackling the problem. This campaign should educate dog owners informing them of the dangers caused by dog poo. It should also use all available powers to prosecute and fine offending dog owners and also provide bins to properly dispose of the bagged poo.

Order: Agreed.

681 Councillor Ray McHugh deferred from the February Meeting

This Area Committee agree that Dog poo bins be installed at the entrance to Willie Pearse Park, Crumlin and on Clonmacnoise Circle.

Order: Agreed.

9 February Questions and Answers

Order: Noted.

Councillor Pat Dunne

Chairperson

Wednesday 25 March 2019

Attendance:

Members:

Pat Dunne (Chairperson)
Michael Mullooly
Greg Kelly
Rebecca Moynihan
Daithí Doolan

Members:

Hazel de Nortuin
Tina McVeigh
Criona Ni Dhalaigh

Members:

Vincent Jackson
Ray McHugh
Daithi De Róiste

Officers

Mary Taylor, Area Manager, South Central Area;
Bruce Phillips, Senior Executive Officer, South Central Area;
Kay Noonan Cork, Acting Senior Executive Officer, Ballyfermot Area;
Tony Smithers, Area Housing Manager, Liberties Area Office;
Chris Butler, Area Housing Manager, Crumlin Area Office;
Miriam Flynn, Community Development Officer, South Central Area;
Tony Smithers, Housing Manager, South Central Area;
Niall O'Neill, Area Engineer, Traffic Management & Control;
Neil O'Donoghue, Executive ITS Officer, Traffic Management & Control;
Cora Roche, Staff Officer, South Central Area;
Karen Clarke, Staff Officer, South Central Area;
Cathriona Woulfe, Senior Staff Officer, South Central Area.

Apologies:

Cllr. Paul Hand

Non-Members:

Cllrs Mannix Flynn and
Mary Freehill

Area Manager's Report

CRUMLIN/KIMMAGE ELECTORAL AREA

South West Inner City Area Report

Francis Street Environmental Improvement Scheme

This project is currently at detailed design stage ahead of tendering for construction. It is expected that tenders for construction will be issued in April, with expected work onsite later in the summer. A 10-12 month programme is anticipated with work taking place in stages to minimise disturbance. Advance works to the street by Irish Water, to replace the main utilities, can be expected shortly. Advance notice and ongoing communication to businesses and residents will be arranged as part of the project.

Meath Street Environmental Improvement Scheme

External and internal information meetings are ongoing on a draft scheme for Meath Street ahead of a formal planning process later in spring.

St Catherine's Park

A second phase of work to the historic east boundary wall of the park will commence in April. The local Park's team is also arranging remediation work to the main entrance and general enhancement of the park, including new planting.

St. Audoen's Park

The refurbished park was officially unveiled by the Lord Mayor on 14th March. The park is now open to the public. St. Audoen's Park refurbishment was undertaken by Parks & Landscaping Service as an action of The Liberties Greening Strategy. The project was support funded by Fáilte Ireland under the Dublin Investment Strategy.

St Luke's Garden (Thomas Burgh House)

Finishing works, including planting, will be undertaken shortly, to allow public access to this garden at St Luke's Avenue. The Heritage Office will be making arrangements for opening and ongoing access.

Bridgefoot Street Park

It is anticipated that tenders for the construction of a new community park at Bridgefoot Street will issue within the next two months, with construction to follow later this year. Details on build duration will be advised in future reports.

St James Graveyard, James Street

This historic graveyard to the rear of what is now Pearse Lyons Distillery is undergoing conservation and restoration to allow public access to this largely hidden space. Ongoing work includes conservation of over 200 funeral monuments, repairs to the boundaries and new naturalistic landscaping. The Area Office commissioned a website www.stjamesgraveyard.ie to update the public on the project.

Cork Street redevelopments

Work has begun to demolish Donnelly 2, the former factory premises on Cork Street. This is ahead of construction of a new purpose built student accommodation (PBSA) scheme permitted for the site. In all, 3 separate PBSA schemes are under development between Cork Street and Browne Street South, with the first 'Brickworks' opening in September 2019.

The developments also include small business incubator units, café and retail units as well as refurbishment of the public realm including widening and repaving of Brickfields Lane.

HSE Properties on Cork Street

The Area Office engaged with HSE in 2018 to seek improvements to a number of HSE-managed properties in The Liberties including Brú Chaomhin and Weir Home on Cork Street. Agreed actions include improvements to boundaries and landscaping and efforts to bring vacant and underused property back into use. In addition, it is noted that Department of Culture, Heritage and Gaeltacht recently engaged with HSE to assess and develop actions for the former Quaker burial ground at Weir Home. The burial ground likely dates to the mid-17th century. The Area Office will be pleased to engage further with Department of Culture, Heritage and Gaeltacht and HSE on the matter.

Dolphin's Barn

A programme of quick-win public domain improvements will be undertaken in Dolphin's Barn in the coming months to upgrade this urban village. An approved Part 8 for Public Realm Scheme is awaiting resources from Roads Construction to allow it to proceed further. The Shopfront Improvement Scheme 2019 is currently open to businesses in the area.

St. Teresa's Gardens

Ground works to construct 54 houses/apartments commenced on 28th January with an expected construction completion date of September 2020.

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 this month. It is proposed to initiate consultations with local stakeholders in relation to a park area including a playground, temporary pitch and municipal facilities in quarter 2/quarter 3 this year.

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). The new build and refurbishment (100 units) commenced on 17th October 2016 and was substantially completed in November 2018 with residents starting to move in from 28th November. It is expected that the new units will be fully occupied by the end of March.

Work commenced in April 2018 to construct 42 units of older person's 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 completion date is likely to be late summer this year.

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, 4th February.

Funding was provided to Bluebell Community Council to assist them in drafting a plan for the area. They have engaged Avison Young for this purpose.

Pearse Park, Crumlin

A Part VIII planning application for the demolition of the existing Dublin City Council Depot Building and for the construction of a new floodlit 'hurling wall' and an extension to the Crumlin Childcare Centre was lodged on 1st March. Both projects will be part funded from the 2017 and 2018 Discretionary Funds.

Crumlin Area Office Report

Opening Hours

As previously advised the area office has recently lost a number of staff members due to transfers and retirements. It is hoped that these staff will be replaced shortly but if there is a continued delay in replacing staff we may have to review and reduce the current Public Counter opening hours. As reported previously to Councillors, the staffing of the area structure is due to be enhanced following the local elections in May. Hopefully this will resolve the issue. Also a recruitment process for Clerical Officers has commenced, which should help ease staff shortages at this level. We will keep the members informed.

Stannaway Court, Senior Citizens Complex

Following the completion of the required gas works insulation works have now commenced on block 1 (No.'s 1 -12). New composite doors have been ordered and should be delivered shortly. It is likely to be the end of March when doors are installed.

St. Agnes Park – Respond VHA

Final snagging works are continuing on a few units but the majority of the units have now been occupied. It is expected that all units will be occupied by the end of the month.

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 has 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 anticipated completion date for this project is July 2019.

Armagh Road -FOLD VHA

Construction works are continuing on the site with an expected completion date in Q4, 2019. The complex will provide 97x1 bed Senior Citizens units.

Ard Scoil Eanna site

DCC has recently completed the purchase of the former Massey's funeral home to complete the site footprint. A feasibility study, including a cost benefit analysis, has been submitted to the Department for approval for funding. The site will provide Social Housing and a Public Library.

CCTV in Benbulbin Road

The camera, which had been maliciously damaged, has been repaired and was reinstalled on the 14th February. No further attempts have been made to damage the camera and following the installation of a new PC in the station, the Gardaí can now monitor and control the camera.

We are awaiting 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 is currently removing trees at the Benbulbin end of the park and this should allow greater visibility.

Drimnagh Task Force

A preliminary meeting of the Task Force was held on 5th March, and a further meeting is scheduled for early April. The Task Force is chaired by Mick O'Reilly and the current membership is Brian Murphy, Bosco Youth Services, local residents Liam Fitzgerald and Peter Burke, Inspector Paul Sargeant, Garda Siochána and Mary Taylor, Dublin City Council. The purpose of the group is to examine the situation and come up with recommendations to deal with it. The membership may be added to in order to ensure that solutions can be implemented through a partnership approach.

Herberton Park

At the request of the South Central Area Committee, a process of engagement with residents in Herberton Park was carried out over the last few weeks. Stephen Rourke was engaged to lead this process, the purpose of which was to see if a compromise could be reached between those in favour of and those opposing the introduction of pay and display / residents parking. It did not prove possible to reach consensus, and some solutions proposed (such as a one way system, blocking the road to prevent through traffic, placing plant boxes on the footpaths, are not deliverable at least in the short term. Others may be, such as a change in the hours of operation. Currently if the scheme is implemented, the hours of operation will be 7am to midnight, Monday to Saturday, as this is what the majority of those who voted looked for. It is open to residents to seek to have these hours changed, for example to 7am to 7pm, Monday to Friday. It would be up to residents to seek this change, through the normal process of presenting a petition of at least 25% of those on the Register of Electors, following which a ballot would be conducted, and if the majority are in favour of changing it would be implemented. Also, if following the introduction of the scheme, residents are still unhappy, after 2 years, they can seek to have the scheme removed, again following the process outlined above. As advised previously, Traffic Department has stated that the scheme will proceed unless a motion to the contrary is passed by the Area Committee. At this stage it is necessary to bring this process to a conclusion.

Community Report for Crumlin/Kimmage

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

A series of local history talks will take place in the South Central area in the coming weeks. This is a joint collaboration between Dublin City Councils Community Development team (Eblana House) and Local Historian in Residence, Cathy Scuffil.

The first talk in the series -**The Camino & Dublin** will trace the links between the ancient Parish of St James in Dublin to the famous Camino de Santiago in Northern Spain. The clues are in our streets and place names along with artefacts which are passed without notice each day by hundreds of Dubliners and tourists. This event will take place in St James's Church, James's Street on Wednesday 20th March, at 2.30pm.

The second talk - **Dublin Place Names** will take place in Willie Bermingham Place, High Road, Kilmainham on Monday 25th March at 2pm.

Love Dublin 8

On Tuesday 26th February, St. Patrick's Cathedral opened its doors to the first ever Love Dublin 8 community showcase. The event which was a joint collaboration with St. Patrick's Cathedral and Dublin City Council's Area Offices attracted over 140 groups, organisations and local businesses. It is estimated that almost 2000 visitors attended the event. The Cathedral was divided into different sections on the night. The Health and Leisure section proved to be extremely popular with visitors queuing for various holistic therapies including Indian Head Massage, aroma therapy, reflexology, aura soma readings etc. Many youth and community groups took part along with local charities and Mental Health Groups including The Samaritans, St. Patrick's Hospital's - Walk in My Shoes and Shannon's Hopeline.

Dublin City Council hosted several stands at the fair including Kevin Street Library, St Catherine's Sports Centre, Dublin's Municipal Rowing Centre, Dublin Fire Brigade, Green Dog Walker Initiative and Community Development's Section promoting their many initiatives and projects, some of which included Walk and Talk, PPN and Age Friendly information on community grants/supports available to groups in the area.

Due to the incredible positive feedback to this event, it may become an annual event.

Basin Street Urban Forest Initiative - National Tree Planting Day.

Local school children and residents from the Basin Street area have come together to participate in The World Urban Forest Initiative. Their aim is to increase awareness as to the enormous benefits of tree planting in an urban setting. Trees are good for our physical and mental wellbeing, everyone can plant a tree, you don't need a big garden. Trees grow perfectly well in pots on balconies provided they are cared for adequately.

On Thursday next, native species including Rowan, Silver Birch and Crab Apple will be offered to residents who are interested in adopting a tree. These young saplings will be planted in pots by children from the nearby local schools in an effort to improve the local biodiversity.

This event will take place on Thursday 21st March from 11am – 1pm at the football pitch on Basin Street. This event will mark National Tree Planting Day. DCC's Housing & Community Section, (Eblana House) Basin Street Matters, Urban Plant Life Cork Street, local schools and The World Urban Forest Initiative, are all involved in this initiative.

Dublin City Community Enhancement 2018 Grants

Grants were awarded to the following groups in South Central Area:

St. Mary's Parish Crumlin	€5,950
Robert Emmet CDP	€2,450
Dolphin House Community Development Association	€3,450
Flanagan's Fields	
Community Garden	€3,450

Easter Bonnet Afternoon Tea Dance

The Crumlin & District Active Retirement Association will host an Easter Bonnet Afternoon Tea Dance in St Agnes Parish Hall, Agnes's Road, Crumlin Village on Tuesday 16th April 2019 at 2.30p.m. This is a free event but places are limited so booking is strongly advised, please contact Lois Salmon, Community Officer on 222 5114.

Easter Egg Hunt

Dublin City Council Community Team in conjunction with The Bru Youth Service are in the process of organising a Community Easter Egg hunt in a local park within the Crumlin area. Young people from the Bru will be involved in the event organising and delivery. Further information to follow.

Chair Aerobics

Dublin City Council Community Team, Sport Development Section and Crumlin Area Office Staff in conjunction with Stannaway Court Residents Committee have organised chair yoga sessions with an instructor within the complex for the next number of weeks. The yoga takes place on Monday evening's 5.30- 6.30 pm, the activity has been welcomed by tenants within the complex.

Crumlin Park

Dublin City Council Community and Social Development Team, Crumlin Area Office and Public Dublin Team and are hoping to engage with residents from Crumlin Park see if they would like to develop community and environmental activity within their estate.

Public Domain Report for Crumlin/Kimmage

Report for South West Inner City

Public Domain is currently running a Waste Bye Law Enforcement Programme in the SWIC area. Household in the Dublin 8 area are being asked to declare to Dublin City Council how they dispose of their domestic waste and to demonstrate compliance. Since the programme began approximately 1000 residents have been canvassed in a door to door campaign. Waste Management Litter Wardens have been central to the success of the campaign to date. A number of clean up and enhancement programmes are underway in the Coombe and Crumlin Park. Housing Maintenance and Public Domain are working together to improve the environment that encroaches on the public roads and will positively impact on the living environment of residents. Ashgrove and Coombe Court were given an intensive clean the past week and 17 skip bags were removed by DCC. The aim is to encourage residents to engage with Dublin City Council to keep communal/public spaces in estates weed and litter free and enhance their environment. Many resident's and community groups are now actively involved and this is vital to positively changing how we interact with our environment. All groups have been contacted to join the Dublin Community Clean-up Day 2019 (Team Dublin 2019) Sat 27th April will see All Local Authorities, Action Groups (Dodder, Canal, Coastal etc.) joining forces to "Keep Dublin Beautiful". Clean up equipment is supplied by Public Domain.

Report for Crumlin Area

Work has been ongoing on revitalising Crumlin Park. A planned initiative with Housing, Community and Public Domain is taking place to include painting, weed spraying/manual weed removal and most importantly community engagement. Many of the proposed works will visually enhance the estate and it is hoped that with the support of the residents that the plan can be expanded to maximize the use of the communal garden. Funding will certainly be necessary carry out this work. However, at the moment it is important to encourage the community to work with us to achieve this. All active in groups in the Crumlin area have been notified of the upcoming Dublin Community Clean-up Day on 27th April. All groups will be supplied with clean-up equipment and will be insured under the An Taisce banner as long as they first register with them (An Taisce). The link to register is <https://dublincommunitycleanupday.ie/> Please promote this fantastic day of action across the South Central Area.

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Cherry Orchard / Park West Draft LAP

Work is ongoing on the LAP for Cherry Orchard / Park West, and it is hoped that a draft will be ready for either the April or May South Central Area Committee meeting.

Cherry Orchard

The contractors, MDY, having returned on site to Orchard Meadows on Tuesday 12th February are progressing well on all outstanding works. They expect to have the remaining thirty-six houses ready for occupation by end of April/early May. The issue relating to the street lighting and a connection by the ESB is still outstanding. Applicants are being contacted by CHI and interviewed in preparation for offers of accommodation.

Elmdale

No further update in relation to the timeframe for the new housing units in Elmdale in Cherry Orchard. 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. All prospective tenants have viewed the units and upon expressing their interest in the units, have been issued with a letter of offer. As with the previous Rapid Build units in Cherry Orchard, we will set up interviews with MABS, Citizen information, the Community Welfare Officer and on this occasion we are arranging for a restorative practice development worker to meet with prospective tenants before they sign for their tenancies. We have had expressions of interest from over 300 applicants in the units. To compensate residents for the loss of their green space for the duration of the works, 120 family day passes along with individual adult and child passes to the Zoo have been purchased and will be distributed by staff in the Equine Centre to families in the Elmdale area.

Cornamona Court

No further update on the DOELG's decision as below. 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

Two football goals and a standalone basketball hoop have been installed in the green at Barnville and the stone planter with the name of the estate engraved on it is ready for installation at the entrance. Additional stone planters are ready for delivery and will be installed throughout sites in Ballyfermot. Sites have been identified throughout the area for additional trees which will be planted in the Spring.

Ten Cherry trees have been planted in California Hills to enhance the Park and two gardens have been planted with spring bedding plants at the entrances. Outstanding works include the crowning of trees. Funding has been secured from the discretionary fund to upgrade two wheelchair accessible gates in the near future to prevent access to the Park by scramblers and horses. This work will be carried out in consultation with the residents. The Probation Service has been carrying out regular clean ups of the area and Parks have changed the rota of the contractors regarding cutting of the grass.

The provision of skips throughout the area was very successful last year and it is intended to provide some skips in the Raheen/Clifden area in April. Residents will be notified when they are arriving.

Chapelizod

A public meeting was held in St. Patrick's School in Chapelizod on 28th February regarding the proposed development on the Springvale site. The meeting was very well attended with 116 signatories and a number of others who were not recorded. DCC's architect gave a short presentation of the proposed scheme. Issues relating to shortage of parking, all social

housing as opposed to a mixture of affordable units, Bus Connects implications and shortage of amenities in the locality were raised. The use of emergency legislation powers was strongly objected to because of the removal of any mechanism to record objections and the residents of Chapelizod may consider challenging the use of this legislation.

Business Community

We are in the process of arranging a meeting with the business owners to discuss the impact of the improvements to the streetscape and to work with them on new initiatives. We are hopeful that the row of shops adjacent to the Gala building will be painted soon as the weather improves. This work is being organised by the owners and it is hoped that this will encourage other shop owners to link with us regarding their own shop fronts. Funding has been made available for improvements to the shop fronts in Decies Road and quotes have been sought to carry out this work. It will include gutter cleaning and repair, painting of shop fronts, power hosing pavements and replacing dead trees.

Kilmainham Inchicore Network

The Kilmainham/ Inchicore Shop Front Improvement Grant is now open and available to retail premises in the neighbourhoods of Kilmainham and Inchicore. For further information and applications please see www.kilmainham-inchicore.ie or email aoife.hannan@dublincity.ie closing date Thursday 16th May 2019.

Bus Connects, Route 7 Liffey Valley to City Centre

The public consultation process is ongoing on the emerging Core Bus Corridor Route 7 proposed through Inchicore and Kilmainham. KIN will be engaging with this process. The deadline for submissions has been extended to 30th April 2019.

Eadaoin Ní Cheirigh, CEO Richmond Barracks is resigning her position to take up her new roles as Head of Development Operations for The Irish Council for Social Housing. Eadaoin has been a hugely positive asset and knowledgeable resource to the Inchicore Community for many decades and will be greatly missed. The KIN wish her all the best in her new position.

Inchicore Regeneration Consultative Forum (IRCF)

Inchicore Scoping Study It was announced that Jack Nolan, retired Assistant Garda Commissioner, has been appointed to undertake a scoping exercise in the Inchicore and Kilmainham areas. Further details to follow.

The Vienna Model: Housing for the 21st Century City

Exhibition and Events/Seminars takes places in 4 Dublin venues from the 1st to 25th April. The Exhibition will be at Richmond Barracks from the 15th April until 25th April. The IRCF will take part in the seminar scheduled for Tuesday 16th April entitled "Housing for All: Delivering New Affordable Rental for Dublin". The cost rental model proposed for 70% of homes on the proposed DCC Emmet Road development site will be discussed. The IRCF are working on a Strategic Framework Plan (defining principles for the development of the built environment to meet new demands and opportunities), that will help inform the process of community engagement and discover the needs of the community.

Community Report

Bluebell Environmental Group has identified two projects to work on this year, the area to the front of the shops and the entrance to Camac Park.

Inchicore Environmental Group has identified an environmental project for this year. The next cleanup is Saturday, March 23rd in the village – the meeting point is at the recycling bins

at Grattan Crescent. Inchicore Works Residents Committee are planning to have a Tree Planting Event on the site on Saturday 30th March at 2:00 pm.

The Ballyfermot Environmental Group has initiated a series of clean-ups in the area with Drumfinn Park leading the way. For the past two Tuesdays over forty teenage students have participated in the clean-up and gardening of this public space. The park will be spruced up with small painting projects in the coming weeks and it is hoped to extend and broaden the scope of this project in the coming months.

Community clean-ups are ongoing and a wide collaboration of local groups and schools have promised to participate in the Dublin Community Clean Up Day on 27th April. All groups registered with An Taisce will be covered under their insurance.

The Ballyfermot Resource Centre / Men's Shed project is gathering momentum with a full programme of cleaning, weeding, sewing and planting. The grounds of the Resource Centre are already hugely improved as a result of the local community team coordinating the efforts of both the Men's Shed and the younger volunteers from the Resource Centre.

Environmental Talk in Walkinstown Library a talk on "A Healthier Garden" will be held in Walkinstown Library on the 29th of April at 6:30pm. The talk will include sound gardening advice with environmentally conscientious best practice.

Community Participation

Ukulele Group This new group already has over one dozen members and is going from strength to strength in bringing a unique musical flavor to the area.

Older People

In collaboration with Dublin City's Culture Connects, Community staff are organising a bus tour for the residents in the senior citizen complexes in the Ballyfermot and Drimnagh area. The tour will visit the Hugh Lane Gallery and the Tenement Museum in Henrietta Street.

Chapelizod Festival

The Festival Committee are organising a week of events to take place in Chapelizod from June 30th to July 7th 2019. The City Council will provide financial assistance and support to the committee.

Seachtain Na Gaeilge

Great credit is due to the newly formed Coiste Baile Formaid committee who organised events promotion of the Irish language and culture throughout the area during the month of March. Highlights included a Trad Session in the Library and a Ceilí in the Community Civic Centre.

Dublin Learning City Festival Dublin is applying for membership of the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities. The Dublin Learning City Festival takes place from the 8th to the 12th of April and aims to be a showcase and a celebration of learning in all its forms, across the city. The aim is to encourage participation in learning activities at all levels, including basic education, community education, vocational education and higher education.

Drimnagh Historical Group

To coincide with the Festival, Drimnagh Historical Group will have a talk on Wednesday 10th April at 6.30pm in Good Counsel GAA Club. Also Biologist and Broadcaster, Éanna Ní Lamhna, will be leading a Community Walk and Talk in California Hills and Glenaulin Park on 12th April at 11 a.m. starting from the entrance to California Hills Park-opposite Ballyfermot Hill on Le Fanu Road, all ages welcome.

Public Domain Report for Ballyfermot/Drimnagh

Intensive cleaning has been carried out in the Decies Road shopping precinct. The take away and retail stores have all been canvassed by the Public Domain Officer in a Litter Bye Law Enforcement initiative. Many were not aware of their responsibilities under the Bye Laws. The shuttering and shop fronts will also be treated for graffiti removal. A large volume of graffiti tags have been treated across the Ballyfermot Area and the lane at the rear of Cole Park Shops will be treated shortly. The Litter Bye Laws will also be actively enforced here. A planned Waste Bye Law Enforcement Programme will be rolled out over the coming weeks to address the illegal dumping in the locality. Waste Enforcement has responded to an increase in large scale fly tipping/illegal dumping in the Cherry Orchard Area. Public Domain and the Area Office have been working together to tackle this serious environmental issue. A number of clean-up operations have been organised by public domain to address illegal dumping on housing development lands.ie Cornamona Court, Park West/ Barneville Park etc. Public Domain supplied equipment to the Ballyfermot Environmental Group to enhance Drumfinn Park and a number of works were carried out in the Chapelizod area on request from Tidy Towns.

Leakage Reduction Programme

March 2019

Irish Water, in partnership with Dublin City Council, is replacing ageing water mains in Kilmainham, Dublin 8 to improve security of supply, reduce high levels of leakage and improve water quality.

Irish Water is investing over €500 million between 2017-2021 to reduce leakage and replace old pipes on the public water network. The benefits of this programme are:



Replacing old pipes to reduce drinking water lost by leakage



Fixing leaks to reduce disruption from bursts and outages



Improving water pressure & quality



Delivering savings on operation and maintenance of the network

1. Details of the project

The works involve the replacement of over 3.2 kilometres of aged cast iron water mains with high density polyethylene (plastic) pipes. The programme to replace the water mains in Kilmainham, Dublin 8 will commence in early March 2019. These works are being carried out as part of Irish Water's National Leakage Reduction Programme.



The works will also involve laying new water service connections from the public water main in the road to customers' property boundaries and connecting it to the customers' water supply. Where the existing service connections on the public side are lead these will be replaced as part of this improvement work.

The communities to benefit from these improvement works are:

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Emmet Road	Camac Close	Myra Close
Connolly Avenue	Connolly Gardens	Goldenbridge Terrace
Goldenbridge Gardens	Southern Cross Avenue	Bulfin Road
Luby Road	Kickham Road	Anner Road
Spa Road		

The works will be carried out on behalf of Irish Water by GMC Utilities Group Ltd. and are expected to be completed within 12 weeks.

2. What are the benefits of the works?

The benefits of the leakage reduction works include:

- **A Reliable Water Supply** – Replacement of water mains and service connections will reduce the instances of bursts and water outages and will ensure a reliable supply of water to customers and local businesses in the area.
- **Reduced Leaks** – Replacement of water mains and service connections will eliminate existing leaks and reduce the amount of clean drinking water lost into the ground.
- **Improved Water Quality** – Removing existing old cast iron and lead from the public water network and replacing them with new pipes will reduce the risk of contamination.
- **Improved Operation and Maintenance** – These works will deliver cost savings by providing improved water network operation that will require less maintenance in the future.

3. Will customers be affected by the works?

Areas of work will be limited to short sections to minimise impact on customers. Traffic management may be in place during this time. Local and emergency traffic will be maintained at all times.

The works may involve some short-term water shut offs and the project team will ensure that customers are given a minimum of 48 hours notice prior to any planned water shut offs.

We understand that this type of work can be inconvenient and works crews will make every effort to minimise any disruption these necessary works cause.



Residents and businesses in the areas to benefit from the planned improvements have been notified directly and customers can phone Irish Water on Callsave **1850 278 278** if they have any questions about the project. Irish Water regrets any inconvenience these necessary water network improvements may cause. Details of any supply interruptions associated to this project will be updated regularly on the Water Supply Updates section of the Irish Water website.

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