

Area Manager's Report
South Central Area Committee Meeting
19th June 2019

Report on Inchicore Library

Following the pre-Part VIII presentation to the Area Committee on the 16th May 2018 (see previous presentation attached) and the members agreement to proceed to the Part VIII planning process, a review of the project was undertaken by the design team. The review was completed in late February and following consideration by management, a detailed appraisal was submitted to the Capital Projects Governance Board. The Board has approved the project without changes from the plans previously presented to the Area Committee. In summary, the total budget for the project is €2m, which will see the provision of universal access; improved landscaping; additional public spaces both internal and external; public toilets, and will include significant essential maintenance works. The project will be funded by development levies (50%) and DCC funds (revenue/disposal of property, 50%). These works will ensure the continued use of this valuable Council asset as a public building, and do not preclude a change of use should a new library form part of other Council led developments in the area.

Kilmainham Mill

A tender invitation was issued on the 6th June for an architect led design team to create the detailed drawings and oversee the construction process for the initial emergency stabilisation works. Project manager, Darragh Cunningham, is currently designing the tender briefing documents for a multi-disciplinary team for the preliminary design (to include stakeholder consultation), detailed design, planning and construction stages for the overall project. This tender should be issued by the end of July.

The internal Capital Projects Appraisal has been submitted to the Capital Projects Support Office (CPSO).

The communication plan has been launched and up-to-date information on the Mill project can now be found at www.dublincity.ie/kilmainhammill as well as on Twitter and Instagram @KilmainhammillDCC

SOUTH WEST INNER CITY ELECTORAL AREA

South West Inner City Area Report

i. Public Realm Projects Completed

The Area Office notes the following projects delivered by the end of the last Council term in May:

- **St Audoen's Park and Children of 1916 Memorial** – park commissioned and opened to use in March. A ceremony to unveil a memorial play garden to children who lost their lives in the events of Easter 1916 was held on 13th June, with the Lord Mayor, Minister for Children & Youth Affairs, relatives of the children and invited guests attended.
- **St Luke's Garden** – the landscaped garden to the front of the former St Luke's Church (Thomas Burgh House) on St Luke's Avenue is now completed and opened daily.
- **Peace Park, Christchurch Place** – this small park has been completed and is expected to open to the public in July.
- **High Street median greening** – the main median is now complete with new trees and holly planting. A small section of median at Cornmarket will be landscaped later this year.

ii. Conservation Projects

- **St Catherine's Park East Wall Conservation** – a programme of conservation work to the 17th century east wall of the park is now complete. The work was undertaken by Summit Conservation for the Council and entailed repairing the brick face, lime harling of the lane side of the wall and lime capping.
- **Rutland Memorial fountain, James Street** – conservation, cleaning and repair of the 18th century obelisk on James Street has begun this week. The project is supported by the Discretionary Fund. Additional improvements to the median here will follow.
- **St James's Graveyard** – work is ongoing on a programme of conservation of funeral monuments and landscaping of this historic graveyard. The project is led by the Parks & Landscaping Service and is expected to be completed by the end of 2019.

iii. Street Renewal

- **Francis Street Environmental Improvement Scheme** - A programme of work by contractors for Irish Water is expected to take place over July to replace the water infrastructure along the street. It is also expected that tenders for construction of the public realm scheme will be invited in July. This will clear the way for the planned refurbishment of Francis Street to begin in autumn with an estimated 8-10 month duration.
- **Newmarket Public Realm Scheme** – the Area Office is in discussions with Environment & Transportation Department to see how best to progress a permitted public realm project for Newmarket and adjoining streets.
- **Meath Street Environmental Improvement Scheme** – a concept plan for Meath Street is being finalised as the first stage of a planned improvement scheme for Meath Street. The next stage will entail detailed design and discussion with internal stakeholders to progress the plan to Part VIII stage.

iv. Greening Programmes

- **Bridgefoot Street Park** – tendering for construction of a new community park at Bridgefoot Street is now underway. It is anticipated that work on site will begin by the end of this year and continue into 2020.
- **Linear Park St. James's Walk to Suir Bridge** – Parks & Landscaping Service is currently developing a masterplan for the linear parkland either side of the Luas alignment. A draft masterplan will be presented to local stakeholders and the public on Thurs 4th July at 6pm in the F2 Centre, Herberton.
- **Marrowbone Lane** – Due to a short delay, tendering for a planned landscaped area at Marrowbone Lane will issue in July and the expectation is to start the work by the end of summer. Unfortunately, the area has reverted to informal car park use. However, this will be permanently removed once the planned landscaping works commence.
- A series of **small greening interventions** are being undertaken over the summer around The Liberties including street planters, raised bed planted areas and refreshing planted areas at Pimlico and Timberyard. The Area Office hopes to work with local groups to continue to enhance streets 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, which include a small playground, hard and soft landscaping and enhanced lighting were completed in March/April 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 late 2018 with residents moving in between November 2018 and March 2019. Work commenced in April 2018 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. The anticipated completion date is September this year.

Community Report

Dublin City Age Friendly.

Members of the Older Persons Council have been invited to participate in a training workshop hosted by the National Age Friendly Ireland Programme. The workshop will take place on Friday 12th July in the Council Chambers City Hall. It will focus on supporting members and staff associated with Age Friendly programmes and the effective running/function and recruiting of new members to the Older Persons Council.

Seventh Annual Bloomsday in the Barn Sunday 16th June.

Once again, Dublin City Council Community Development Section were delighted to support the "Back of The Pipes Residents Group" on their celebration of Bloomsday in Dolphin's Barn. This event was attended by many well-known actors, who entertained the crowds with readings and songs from the works of James Joyce. Local people arrived in their droves wearing beautiful period costumes and stunningly decorated hats! Prizes were awarded to the best dressed Woman and Man.

Dublin City Neighbourhood Competition

Groups from across the Liberties and Rialto were delighted to receive plants, shrubs, and assistance/advice from the SWIC Community Development and the local Parks Division with a view to enhancing their Communities and complexes in preparation for this year's City Neighbourhood Competition. This year's theme is "**The Bees**" and residents groups are most conscious of the need to support these beneficial insects by ditching the chemicals and introducing pollinator friendly planting schemes to our streets and gardens.

Swift Conservation Project at Griffith Barracks Multi Denominational School

We are thrilled to announce the success of another swift project! We have a female sitting on her eggs at present. We hope to see hatchlings in the next week or two.

This is of great significance in the world of Swift Conservation and a first for Dublin.

This project is being carried out jointly with the Dublin Swift Conservation Group.

Neighbourhood Fun Days

The Community Development Team is delighted to support the Residents of Herberton Drive and St. Catherine's Park in their family friendly events, one of which took place on June 15th. The next event is due on June 23rd.

Ceannt Fort

Works on the concrete base of the railings at McDowell Avenue is complete. The Resident's Association is heartened by this and delighted with the quality and finish of the work carried out. The painting of the railings is due to commence shortly. This work is co-ordinated by the Parks Division and is a jointly funded by Parks and Discretionary Funds.

Crumlin Walkinstown Local Forum Family Fun Day and Dog Show Sunday 23rd June

Dublin City Council Community Development Team, Sports Development Team and Public Domain Section is delighted once again to support the Crumlin Walkinstown Local Forum with their Annual Family Fun Day and Dog Show, which will take place in Eamonn Ceannt Park (Sundrive Park) on Sunday 23rd June 2019.

Summer Projects 2019

Dublin City Council Community and Social Development Team continues to support voluntary summer projects in conjunction with Crosscare and Dublin City Council's Play Development Officer. Voluntary Committees are very busy planning and finalising their programmes which will give young people an opportunity to participate in various recreational and educational activities in a safe and friendly environment. Dublin City Council's Community Team will also support non-voluntary summer projects run by Youth Organisations, in the South Central Area through grant aid.

Public Domain Report for South West Inner City

The sustainable gardening course in Bulfin Court has been a huge success and it is hoped to find more venues to run additional and follow on courses/seminars on biodiversity and sustainability. A new Big Belly bin has been ordered for outside Tesco on Thomas Street. Planters have just been placed around the city over the last few days. Patrick St. /Dean St. is a new location. Other seasonal planters are being sourced for key locations i.e. Victoria Quay and Heuston Station Plaza is under consideration. The planters at Kilmainham, Inchicore, and Rialto Village have also been placed.

Intensive cleaning has been scheduled for Thomas St., Patrick St., Cornmarket and James St. The Enforcement Programme will continue in South West Inner City. Tyrconnell Road continues to be a problem area. The Waste Management Storage, Presentation and Segregation of Household and Commercial Waste Bye Laws 2018 came into effect on 1st May with additional responsibilities for householders to prove their compliance with the byelaws. This will be the basis for the enforcement campaign.

BALLYFERMOT/DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA

Cherry Orchard

Of the remaining thirty-six houses not let, twenty-nine applicants have accepted offers and have completed their tenancy training. Seven houses remain to be allocated. The remaining houses will be allocated over the coming weeks.

Elmdale

New lettings for nineteen units were signed on Monday 13th May & Tuesday 14th May with engagement from MABS, Citizen Information and Community Welfare. Keys for the units were not made available as expected in May due to a drainage issue, which is close to being resolved. The next phase will be ready for handover shortly. An open evening will be arranged as soon as the new families have settled in their new homes.

Cornamona Court

The contractors for the development of Cornamona have moved on site since Monday 13th May and the project will commence 24th June 2019. Cunningham Contracts Group has circulated a letter to all residents adjacent to the site outlining the details of the proposed development, (61 social housing units), the timeframe (90 weeks) and contact details for the site manager. A traffic management plan and the hours of work have been requested. The Ballyfermot Area office will engage with the contractors and the residents to address any issues that may arise.

Environmental Work

The planters, which were placed at various locations last month, have now been painted and we are engaging with the residents about other designs on them and taking ownership with planting etc. The probation service continues to work at various blackspot locations throughout Ballyfermot and Chapelizod. Their work includes litter picking, painting of exterior walls, cutting back overhanging shrubbery etc. As part of this work, the entrance gates to the Liffey Vale Park at St. Laurence's Road were painted and the area was cleared of litter. Weeding and planting was carried out at the entrance signs to Chapelizod by a local gardener and a contractor has cut back shrubbery at three entrances to the village.

Claddagh Court

The railings in Claddagh Court are being painted and a yellow box is to be installed at the vehicular entrance. Funding is being sought for the recommended works to be carried out to the stairwells to prevent the pooling of water. In addition, preventative measures are to be carried out by Roads Department at the entrance of the car park to stop vehicles parking on the footpath, which blocks visibility by the residents when they are exiting the complex. These works will be carried out over the coming months.

Business Community

Public Domain is considering improvement works for the Ballyfermot Road and when that is completed, a meeting with the business owners will be arranged 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 the weather improves. The owners are organising this work and it is hoped that this will encourage other shop owners to link with us regarding their own shop fronts. Improvements to the shop fronts in Decies Road will commence shortly and it is hoped will vastly improve their appearance. It will include gutter cleaning and repair, painting of shop fronts, power hosing of pavements and replacing dead trees.

Skate park at Le Fanu Park

The installation of the proposed skate park for Le Fanu Park is commencing on site in June 2019. The expected completion date is December 2019 but there may be a requirement to continue landscaping and planting in the spring of 2020 as it's weather dependent. C & A Build & Civil are the contractors with specialist skate park installers, Freestyle, completing the build.

Kilmainham Inchicore Network

Shop Front Improvement Scheme Inchicore and Kilmainham 2019: Three grants have been allocated to date; a further two grants are in the application process.

Inchicore Regeneration Consultative Forum

Urban Design Framework Plan DCC Emmet Road Site:

The framework plan is at an advanced stage. The brief for the Development Framework plan expects it to be a high-level document, which will set out the future vision for the development. This document will coordinate, guide and inform the preparation and consideration of future, more detailed design and planning applications. The Framework Plan is due for completion in June 2019. The next stage in the procurement process will be the appointment of a multi-disciplinary design team in Q3 2019.

The current position in relation to the acquisition of lands at the HSE and The Celtic Pigeon Club on Emmet Road is as follows:

HSE Health Centre – Dublin City Council is at an advanced stage of negotiations with the HSE to acquire this property, which they hope to conclude in the coming months.

Celtic Pigeon Club – Dublin City Council has been in ongoing discussions with the Pigeon Club to identify an alternative premises. Two sites identified in Kylemore were turned down by the Club. As Dublin City Council is unable to reach agreement with the Pigeon Club, it is intended to acquire the lands through CPO.

Dr. Jack Nolan Scoping Study consultation phase almost complete, writing up phase in progress with aim to have Report finalised by mid-summer 2019.

Consultative Forum Education Subcommittee: Ongoing meetings taking place, independent education professional will be appointed to facilitate workshop in order to assess the future educational needs of Inchicore and Kilmainham.

Vienna Housing Model Exhibition and Information Update: At present, the details are held on this website www.housingmodeldublin.ie. *DCC Housing Observatory* is in the process of producing a number of impact and output documents and resources from the Exhibition period in April and these will be uploaded onto this website in due course. These will include all presentations, a photo gallery and mini-podcasts summarising the major content of the seminars and events we held. A second instalment of the exhibition will be on view again in July in the atrium of DCC Civic Offices – details to be confirmed.

Community Report

Community Environmental Projects

Liffey walk: - The Community Team has organised an evening walk along the banks of the River Liffey, in the company of Éanna Ni Lamhna on Tuesday July 2nd at 6:30PM. The meeting point is at the entrance to the river at St. Laurence's Road, Chapelizod. The event will entertain all ages.

Ballyfermot Dog Show: - A community Dog Show will be held in the Park at the Civic Centre, Ballyfermot on Saturday June 22nd commencing at 12:00 noon. Registration of dogs will commence at 10:00am. This event is organised by the Ballyfermot Environmental Group working with the City Council to promote responsible dog ownership

Annamore Court: - Dublin City Council, in conjunction with Ballyfermot Men's Shed, have designed, built and installed wooden flower beds outside Annamore Court to simultaneously enhance the complex while also improving residents' safety.

Older People's Summer Programme

The Community Team has organised the following events for older people in the Sheltered Housing complexes during the month of July. The events are free of charge and booking is on a first come basis.

- July 9th Carnation theatre perform "Greyhound on the Bus" which tells the story of the War of Independence through the eyes of three female activists. The play will take place in the Ballyfermot Civic Centre at 2:15pm.
- July 17th Trip to the Tenement Museum, Henrietta Street at 10:00am.

Young People

Summer Projects 2019:- The City Council has allocated funding to the Summer Projects that are commencing throughout the area. The voluntary projects taking place are: D10 Swim Club and Diamond Twirlers and the following 8 Youth organisations will also receive support to organise programmes: Familibase, St. John Bosco, Ballyfermot Star, Cherry Orchard integrated project, St. Ultan's Care Services, Core Youth Service, Ballyfermot Youth Service and Candle Trust. The Council's Play Development Service and Sports Sections also support the Summer Projects.

Cruinniú na nÓg 2019:- “Unsung Youth” was held in Le Fanu Park on Saturday 15th June. The event funded by Creative Ireland, was a showcase of up and coming talent in the area and a collaboration between the Youth Services, Arts Office and the Area Office. The event was a great success and great credit is due to Ballyfermot Youth Services, Familibase and Cherry Orchard Youth Services who provided up to 20 staff on the day to marshal the event.

Math’s Eyes: - The Math’s Eyes project is up and running in California Hills Park. The project encourages young people to see maths in a fun and interactive way as part of their lives and not just in school. Students and staff from St. Dominic’s College, Technological University Dublin, Tallaght Campus, the Parks Dept. and City Council supported this initiative, which has also just won a prestigious award from the Department of Education.

Community Festivals

The Community Development team is supporting Community Festivals in:

Drimnagh Festival commences on July 5th. (3 Day Event)

Chapelizod Festival commences on June 30th (one week)

Ballyfermot Festival commences on June 30th (two weeks)

The Community Festivals have received funding from the 2019 Discretionary Fund. The Council is working with the Ballyfermot Festival to host a Family Fun Day in Markievicz Park on Sunday July 15th commencing at 2:00pm.

Cherry Orchard Development

We have been working with a number of new groups recently to help clean up their local areas. Three new groups, New Build Orchard Lawns, Croftwood Gardens and Elm Dale Crescent, have got together in the past month and have cleaned their areas of litter as well as taken responsibility for new planters and flowers placed in their estate. We will continue to support these groups moving forward with regular clean-up days and planting projects.

Planter project in Croftwood Gardens: - DCC and local youth services worked together with young people in the Equine Centre to build and plant several planters for the estate. Local residents have agreed to water and look after the planters.

The Orchard Centre has an increasing number of groups now using it with activities for all ages from toddler to active age participants. One new group that started recently is Elite Twirlers who work with children from very young to older teenagers. The group are with us Tuesday, Thursday and Friday’s in the afternoons. We have also recently opened up a Reiki practice in the centre for people wishing to use this service to relax, reduce stress or as a healing practice. Our Coffee Shop is also going strong each day from 9.30am-1.30pm

Public Domain Report for Ballyfermot/Drimnagh

The anti-dumping initiative application for Cherry Orchard/Barneville area has been successful. Resources will be made available to tackle illegal dumping, education, awareness and environmental improvements in the area. CCTV will be deployed along Park West Avenue to deter fly tipping. The Three Tiered Planters have been placed as agreed with the Area Office- eight in Ballyfermot and three in Chapelizod.

The gullies will be cleared along St. Martin’s Row over the next 6 weeks. A traffic management plan has to be put in place to facilitate this. The lighthouse bollards are scheduled for painting and the cost will be funded through the discretionary funds. The Environment and Transportation Department will replace any defective flexibollards.