

**Director of Service's Report
South Central Area Committee Meeting
18th September 2019**

Community Grants

The Community Grant Scheme for 2020 is now open for application. Grant assistance is available for community and voluntary activity and informal adult education initiatives. Posters and Application forms will be circulated to community groups and local Libraries. Application forms are available from www.dublincity.ie The Closing date for Application forms is October 31st 2019.

Iveagh Markets

The City Council is actively pursuing the most efficient means available to ensure that the Iveagh Market Building is refurbished and returned to beneficial use. Following engagement with Mr. Keane (who claims a legal interest in the property) in 2018, the City Council engaged consultants to carry out a condition survey of the building. Mr. Keane was advised that the estimated cost of the stabilisation works would be in the region of €13m. The entire project has been estimated at circa €30m, which has not been provided for in the Council's Capital Programme. We are therefore awaiting his comments on the projected financial costs of the project before taking further action.

Kilmainham Mill

The multi-disciplinary team contracted to oversee the enabling works is making good progress. To date numerous surveys, which will form the basis of the stabilization works, have been or are in the process of being conducted. These surveys include: Roof survey, Ecological survey, Asbestos survey, Archaeological survey and Industrial Heritage survey. Once all surveys are complete the detailed drawings will commence and a tender for the construction phase will be issued. This is expected to go to tender in early January 2020.

SOUTH WEST INNER CITY ELECTORAL AREA

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St. Teresa's Gardens

Ground works to construct 54 houses/apartments commenced on 28th January 2019 with an expected construction completion date of September 2020. Residents in the two remaining blocks will be moved to the new units when available.

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. Discussions are ongoing with Hines in relation to how the three sites can be optimised. The Deputy Chief Executive and representatives from Hines met the St. Teresa's Regeneration Board on 16th September.

Dolphin House

Work commenced in April 2018 to construct 42 units of older person's accommodation and a community centre at a site to the rear of the football pitch with completion scheduled for later this month. 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.

An application has been submitted to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government for the demolition of the 'long block' where the residents of the 3 remaining occupied flats are awaiting rehousing.

Public Realm Projects

- **Francis Street Environmental Improvement Scheme** – tenders for construction of this project will issue at the end of September. The project now has a revised start date of January 2020. A detailed overview of the project, the finalised design and some of the issues likely to arise during construction will be provided to councillors in October.
- **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 public realm scheme for Meath Street was prepared earlier this year following engagement with local businesses and the community. Approval has been provided to proceed to the next stage 'preliminary design', likely in early 2020.

Neighbourhood Traffic Schemes – a number of potential NTS in SWIC are being scoped as part of this new process to make localised traffic improvements across the city.

Greening Projects and Parks

- **Marrowbone Lane Greening** – design and tendering for public realm improvements at Marrowbone Lane (Pimlico to Summer Street South) has now been completed. The project will permanently remove informal car parking from the hard-standing area here and create a raised planted area alongside the boundary of Summer Street flats, landscaped with trees and seasonal planting. The remaining hard-standing area will be resurfaced. Construction is expected to take place in October.
- **Bridgefoot Street Park** – tendering for construction of this new park has now been completed. The Area Office is awaiting further details from Parks & Landscaping Service.
- **St James's Linear Park** – the process to develop a masterplan for the parkland from St James's Hospital to Suir Bridge is ongoing. A meeting with residents of Mountshannon Avenue to discuss elements of the draft plan most pertinent to these houses was held on Tues 10th September.
- **St Catherine's Park, Thomas Court** – it is proposed to take down and rebuild the main entrance gates to the park, which are badly subsiding, to relocate a small number of large gravestones along the east side of the park to the west wall and to make general landscape improvements to the park over the coming months, as part of ongoing investment. The work will be overseen by an archaeologist and conservationist.

Economic Development

- **Shopfront Improvement Scheme 2019** - 22 no. projects have been supported this year by the Shopfront Improvement Scheme, the largest number since the scheme began in 2015. Projects this year include new shopfronts in Rialto, refurbishments to enterprise hubs on Basin Lane and Malpas Street, restoration of the clock of St Catherine's Church on Thomas Street and a community hall on James's Street, and

general shopfront upgrades on Thomas Street and Meath Street. Projects are ongoing.

- **Smart City for D8** – the Area Office is working with partners in the area and the Smart Dublin office to explore the development of a smart city testbed in Dublin 8. The smart city concept explores the potential of technology to support enterprise and innovation, well-being, efficient city management, and testbeds are already established in other areas of the city. The SmartD8 Testbed will also support the development of digital healthcare in Dublin 8 and partnerships between the HSE, hospitals, enterprise hubs and third level institutes in the area.
- **National Children’s Hospital & St. James’s Hospital** – a new permanent configuration of the main access road through the hospital campus was put in place from 2nd September, including a new entrance to SCR. A new pedestrian gate and entrance to St. James’s Hospital at Fatima is expected to be fully commissioned shortly.

Community Report

Dog Show Weaver Park

The first Community Dog Show in the Dublin 8 area took place in Weaver Park, Cork Street, on Saturday 31st August 2019. The event was organised by South Central Area Community Development and Public Domain teams. The Dog show was very popular with the community. Registration began from early morning as the teams were setting up with marquees, music and prizes for the show. Over 50 Dogs were registered into their categories for competition. Doggie prizes, rosettes and trophies were awarded, and 1st place winners in each category went through to compete in overall “Best in Show”. Bella, a German Shepherd, was crowned this year’s winner.

Weaving Project

Following on from four successful taster workshops held in May/June of this year, the next phase will commence on Tuesday 24th September, in the Timber yard Community Room, Cork Street. This will be a ten-week autumn course and is limited to 15 participants who attended the taster workshops. The course content will be a mix of lectures and study visits to deepen our knowledge of the history and fashions of this period. Participants will learn how to weave ribbons in silk and linen. It is hoped that together we will develop a range of Liberties Need Nots, luxury gift items that reflect the rich heritage of the Liberties area and our own creativity, which will be exhibited before Christmas. This is a collaborative project, which is co-funded by Creative Ireland, CDETB, and Dublin City Council.

CULTURE NIGHT NUMEROUS EVENTS – FRIDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2019

St James’s Church

St. James’ Church will be opening its doors this year for Culture Night on Friday 20th September 2019. Dublin City Council Community team has been working closely with St. James’s church to organise an evening of music, local history and arts. Performances on the evening will include the MISA Choir from St. James’ Hospital and St. James’ National School Choir, Music by Uilleann Piper- Pádraig Óg Aodhain and Harpist, Sinead King. Cathy Scuffil, South Central Area historian in residence, will give a talk on historic links between the parish of St. James and the Camino de Santiago, and local historian Liz Gillis will share the History of St. James’ church and the 1916 Rising. Historical photographs and artefacts will be on display also. Diageo have kindly agreed to support the event, by sponsoring the internal lighting display in the Church on the evening. Doors open at 6.00p.m. All are welcome.

SOCIAL INCLUSION WEEK

Suffragette Hat Project Premiere

Dublin City Council Community team is delighted to support the Suffragette Hat Project on their Film Premiere, which will take place on Saturday 28th September at 11.30a.m. in the Light House Cinema, Smithfield. By launching the film, we hope to reach a wider audience with the message that acknowledges the inspiring achievements and examples of women like Constance Markievicz, women in Ireland have struggled, but also blossomed over the past 100 years. This short film is a follow up to the initial project, which was launched in Richmond Barracks, on December 15th 2018. Tickets for the screening can be booked through Eventbrite.

Rowing on the Liffey and Holistic Therapies & Relaxation by the River Liffey

To celebrate Social Inclusion week, Dublin City Council Community Team, in conjunction with the Municipal Rowing Club, will host a day of introduction to rowing and sessions in relaxation, and holistic therapies in the Municipal Rowing Centre, Islandbridge, on Thursday 3rd October from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. The event is available for people to book a session in holistic therapies in the Centre's New Wooden Cabin overlooking the Liffey and will also give people an opportunity to take part in a taster sessions in rowing on the Liffey under the instruction and guidance of the Centre's staff.

Halloween Planning

Following on from the success of last year's Halloween event, which was a collaborative project with various community groups, planning is well underway for what will be the first Halloween Parade in the South West Inner City.

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The City Neighbourhoods Awards ceremony was hosted by Bulfin Court Day Centre, Inchicore, with Cllr. Vincent Jackson presenting awards to the winners. Michael Mallin House won the Apt. /Flat Complex 1st Prize, Rialto Environmental Group won the Best Village, Rialto Cottages won the under 150 residences category and Maryland Grotto won in the over 150. The Back of the Pipes won 1st Prize for Community Environment Initiative. The business category for Shop front was won by The Bakery (Cup Cake Bloke) and finally Inchicore Environmental & Drimnagh Tidy won joint 1st Prize for the Dublin Community Clean up. The Awards Night was fantastic with great support from community members, Dublin City Councillors and staff.

There will be an additional Autumn Sustainable Gardening one-day course to follow up on the spring course in Bulfin Court - details to follow. The Flanagan's Fields Sustainable Gardening Course is currently running in the Geodesic Dome on Wednesday evenings. There is scope for a second course as there is a substantial waiting list.

Any Groups who would like to become involved in Leaf Collections this autumn please contact southcentralpublicdomain@dublincity.ie for equipment.

Please report any Bonfire materials in the public domain to: - southcentralpublicdomain@dublincity.ie or phone the Customer Services Tel. No. 01 222 2222, this will divert to the Traffic Control telephone number after business hours. There is also facility on the Dublin City Council website to report Bonfire Materials.

BALLYFERMOT/DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA

Community Report

Halloween

The City Council is working with local youth and community organisations in Ballyfermot and Drimnagh to organise a programme of family friendly events to take place over Halloween. In Ballyfermot, Halloween events will be held in Markievicz Park, California Hills, Cherry Orchard Park, the Library, Candle Youth Centre, The Equine Centre and Orchard Centre. One element of the programme this year is to train young people in face painting and stilt walking.

In Drimnagh, community staff are working with local residents to organise a Halloween show in Our Lady's Hall and festival activity in Saint John Bosco's Youth club. The City Council provides the funding for the Halloween community events with local projects providing the activities, venues and staff. The Council will promote "Bulbs not Bonfires" throughout the area during October and November to encourage resident groups, schools and community facilities to plant daffodil bulbs in open spaces that will create pockets of colour next spring.

Social Inclusion week / Positive Aging Week

Social Inclusion Week will take place between September 30th and October 6th. Dublin City Council is supporting the following events:

- Bowling groups in Drimnagh and Walkinstown are organising a Bowling Tournament in Our Lady's Hall, Drimnagh on Thursday 26th of September at 10:30 am.
- A sing along for Alzheimer's in Walkinstown Library titled "As Time Goes By" on Monday 30th September at 6.30pm
- An Autism Awareness Evening, with speaker Adam Harris (CEO) from the national autism organisation 'As I Am' will take place on 7th of October at 7:00 pm in the Bluebell Community Centre. This event is being organised by Bluebell & D8 Parents Association for Autism.
- A Talk on "Chapelizod and its environs" will be held in Maryfield Nursing Home on Monday 30th of September at 2:30 pm targeting older people from the area

Arts Strategy for Ballyfermot

Ballyfermot is a hive for cultural and art initiatives. The many artistic, musical and creative events that have taken place this year have been very positive and rewarding to those involved and the greater community. To build on the success of recent events Dublin City Council is hoping to establish a Steering Group that will develop an Arts and Cultural strategy for the area. The Arts Office will facilitate an initial meeting to start the conversation on how the strategy could develop and who should be involved. An open meeting will take place on Wednesday 25th of September at 10:30 am in Ballyfermot library.

Health and Wellbeing

Dublin City Council is working with local organisations, including the newly formed HOME group, to develop a pilot series of Wellness Classes involving yoga, meditation and mindfulness. This programme will target families and young women that have been affected by recent suicides.

Ring Street Family Fun Day

The Council is working with the Inchicore Residents Association and the Ring Street Community Club organising a Family Fun Day and Dog Show in Jim Mitchell Park on Saturday 21st of September. The dog show starts at 12pm, registration from 10am and the family fun day starts at 2.00pm.

Ballyfermot Festival Committee

The Ballyfermot Festival Committee and Community Organisations that organised events over the summer have been invited by Lord Mayor Paul McAuliffe into the Mansion House on Wednesday 25th of September at 7:00 pm.

Cherry Orchard Community Centre.

The annual summer project was held over 4 weeks 9th July to 2nd August. This year we had over 150 children register for the project, which was an increase on last year. The project was a great success with a mixture of in house activities and day trips out to various locations. The project finished with an end of project party in the centre attended by all parents and children who took part in the project. The centre continues to increase the number of groups and clubs that use our facilities. There is now a wide variety of groups using the centre, which means we can offer more to the local community. We have a number of new activities and groups starting in September.

Ballroom/Sequence Dance Classes.

This group continue during the summer and do not have a break. The group has grown greatly since starting in March 2018 and has now over 40 members. They are currently organising and planning a trip to Blackpool in 2020 to take part in a Dance showcase in the famous Blackpool Tower complex.

Elite Baton Twirlers.

This group started with us recently and are growing in numbers. They cater for ages 3yrs up to young adults on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoon/evening. Since starting, the group have competed in a number of competitions and are making great progress.

St. Ultan's School.

The school will be using the centre for activity classes for 6th year students from September onward. The group will be with us every Friday 1-2pm.

Familibase Youth Service.

We already work closely with this service on other activities and this is an extension of that work. Familibase will be using the Ann O'Brien upstairs room in the centre to work with young people in the Cherry Orchard area, every Thursday and Friday from 3.00-6.00pm.

Building Extension Work.

Work is well underway and the new extension should be ready to move in to by May 2020. The centre will then start a new range of activities in the main sports hall, which will greatly benefit the local community.

Cherry Orchard Environmental Group.

This relatively new group is housed in the new Orchard Lawns housing development. The group meet the last Saturday of each month to clean up their local area. There has been 4 clean ups to date.

Croftwood Gardens Project.

Residents of this estate have been doing regular clean ups of their area and DCC has worked with them on this supplying equipment etc. Over the summer months, new wooden planter boxes were installed with flowers and an art project is currently underway on walls in the estate and older planters, will be transformed in to more colourful objects.

Croftwood Green Family Fun Day.

This event was held on the first weekend of August and was a great success. The local community organised and ran the event with support from DCC. The whole estate got involved and contributed to the event financially as well as helping out on the day. Family fun games and sports activities were held on the green and in the evening, the adults had time out with some food, drinks and fun entertainment.

Cherry Orchard Summer Fair.

This event was held on 31st August in the Equine Centre after being originally cancelled back in June due to bad weather. The day was a great success with many residents attending with their children. There were numerous activities attractions on the day and when it all ended a BBQ was held in The Stone Soup Garden for local residents

Public Domain Report for Ballyfermot/Drimnagh

Cllr. Vincent Jackson presented a number of awards to groups in the area at the City Neighbourhood Awards for South Central. Annamore Court won 1st Prize for Senior Citizen Complex, St. Laurence's Grove won best Open Space. Helen Cunningham of Ballyfermot Road won best Garden. Ballyfermot Resource Centre won 1st Prize for Community Garden. Seven Oaks Apt. Complex won the Allotment Category. Cherry Orchard Community Garden won Best New Entry. Bluebell Environment won the Endeavour Award for most improved entry and the Individual Contribution was won by Alex O'Callaghan for his tireless community service in La Touche Court. Cedarbrook, Inagh Road and Bluebell Angling Club all won merits for joining the Dublin Community Clean up on 27th April with Drimnagh Tidy winning joint 1st prize with Inchicore Environmental for the outstanding clean up along the canal and in their own local communities.

Cherry Orchard entrance from Park West Avenue has had a major clean up. The Housing and Development Sites on either side of Park West Avenue were cleared of rubbish and all the vegetation was cut back. Barnville Park rear was cleared of illegally dumped materials. The verge from Barnville Park Entrance to the Park West Avenue was cleared of weeds and top soiled. The tree line will be reinstated and the dead space opposite Cedarbrook will be planted to enhance the area. CCTV has been erected and "no dumping" signs will be erected shortly.

A Community Clean-up was held on Saturday 14th September with residents from Cedarbrook, Cherry Orchard Grove, Park, Orchard Lawns and Ballyfermot litter picking from Park West Ave. to Barnville Park and in Cherry Orchard Park. Bye Law Compliance survey with the Litter Warden Service has also been completed in Barnville Park, Cherry Orchard Ave, Crescent, Park and Grove. This has been well received and many residents have responded to requests for information on their waste collection arrangements.

Bluebell Sustainable gardening course is running in the Bluebell Allotments on Saturdays and will finish the end of this month.

Kilmainham Inchicore Network

Inchicore Shopfront Improvement Scheme 2019

Six grants have been allocated in Inchicore.

We Make Good at Goldenbridge:

We Make Good has just launched a training and employment programme for Refugee women in Dublin. This project – a garment / knitting social enterprise engaging refugees is the first of its kind in Ireland. We Make Good's refugee textile project is temporarily located at Goldenbridge Integrated Service Complex. www.wemakegood.ie

Sense of Place

Autumn/Winter 2019 Series of FREE talks and walks will take place over the next few months to the end of the year, all on Tuesdays, 6.30 to 7.30pm at Kilmainham Courthouse. Talks and Walks

- A. 17-September: **Margaret Gormley & Angela Rolfe**, OPW is organising a tour of the Irish National War Memorial Gardens (walk and talk) starting at INWVG
 - B. 8-October: Talk and Walk at **Kilmainham Gaol** (OPW)
 - C. 22-October: **Dermot Looney** "Richer and Poorer: A History of Richmond Park, the home of St Patrick's Athletic" (talk) at Kilmainham Courthouse.
 - D. 5-November **Eric Dempsey** "Birds of the Camac" (talk) at Kilmainham Courthouse organised in collaboration with DCC Water Framework Directive Office
 - E. 26-November Mercy Secondary School TY Students. Kilmainham Courthouse –TBC
- All talks are free but places are limited. Check www.eventbrite.ie for tickets.

Bus Connects

A NTA Community Forum Consultation with regard to *Route 7: Liffey Valley to City Centre* will take place Wednesday 2nd October in the Hilton Kilmainham, representatives of community groups will be invited to attend. Revised plans for the *Bus Connects Route 7: Liffey Valley* will be published in mid-November 2019. Con Kehely, Senior Manager NTA will be invited to KIN meeting on Monday 21st October to discuss revised plans.

Inchicore Regeneration Consultative Forum

Development Framework Plan for Lands at Emmet Road:

The Development Framework Plan was distributed to Consultative Forum members at their meeting 16 September 2019. 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.

Education Subcommittee

The overall objective of the subcommittee is to assess and report on the future educational needs of Inchicore and Kilmainham. The next meeting, facilitated by Dr. Gerry Jeffers, Maynooth University, will take place Thursday 19th September to explore the future educational needs of Inchicore and Kilmainham. A previous report, "Educational Needs of Inchicore 2008" was commissioned by the (now) Dublin South City Partnership (DSCP). DSCP has offered to commission an updated Report.

Jack Nolan's Scoping Study

This study has not been published yet. An update on the status of the report was given at the Consultative Forum meeting 16th September 2019.

Phase 1b site

Circle Housing Voluntary Housing Association and Alone also gave a presentation to the Consultative Forum (on 16.9.19) re pre planning community consultations and project timelines - details on following page.

Housing with Support Inchicore, Information sessions, 13/09/19

The Inchicore Housing with Supports Demonstrator Scheme is a new model of housing for Ireland. It is a partnership between Circle VHA, ALONE, DCC, the HSE and is supported by the Department of Housing Planning and Local Government, the Department of Health.

The scheme will provide 52 homes for older people for both couples and singles that will provide 'life time housing', that will support and promote independence and ageing in place. It will be developed by Circle VHA with staffing on-site supporting tenants and a 24 hour presences on site provided by ALONE.

The main components of this new innovative model are:

- Age appropriate design – HWS incorporates age-friendly and universal design principles and uses assistive technology within the design to support ageing in place, in life time adaptable homes
- Independent living – own front door with autonomy of care and supports
- 24 /7 staffing support on site
- Person centred flexible supports through an ablement and reablement approach to care and support.
- Community integration – schemes aim to support older people (tenants) to keep up links in their community and can act as a resource for other older people in the immediate community.

Project approval status and planning submission time line

The Scheme received Stage 2 capital works management framework approval under the Capital Assistance Scheme in June and DHPLG have provided for progression to stage 3. The scheme is therefore pre planning, hence the information process below. Planning will be lodged at 4th October 2019. Construction commencement, based on the statutory 12-week planning phase, is forecast for August 2020, with completion late Q4 2021.

Information process time line

Forward information for South Central Area meeting to be held, 18/09/19	13/09/19
Presentation to Kilmainham Inchicore network	16/09/19.
Update to Inchicore Regeneration Consultative Forum	16/09/19
Limited invitation, facilitated information session for immediate Neighbours of the scheme, Connelly ave, Bulfin Court and residents committee, Thornton Heights, Local TDs and Councillors	23/09/19
Public Information session, 10.00/11.30	25/09/19
Public Information session, 19.00/20.30	25/09/19