

**Director of Service's Report
South Central Area Committee Meeting
16th October 2019**

Submissions from the Business Community to sit on Dublin City Council Joint Policing Committees

Dublin City Council has advertised (Irish Independent 10/10/19) for submissions from members of the Business Community to sit on Dublin City Council Joint Policing Committees. All participants should clearly state whether they are interested in becoming a member of the Dublin City Joint Policing Committee or the Dublin South Central JPC. Submissions should include reasons for applying and relevant experience to date in the Business Sector. The closing date is 12.00 noon on Friday 8th November 2019 to ruth.treacy@dublincity.ie or by post to: -

Ruth Tracy
Secretary to Dublin City Joint Policing Committee,
Housing & Community Services,
Block 1, Floor 4,
Civic Offices,
Dublin 8.

Community Grant 2020

Community Grants Scheme 2020 applications are now available. Closing date for all applications is 5.00p.m. on the **8th November 2019**. All applications received after that time/date will not be accepted. Applications should be sent directly to: Community and Social Development, Block 1, Floor 3, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8 or email: - community@dublincity.ie

SOUTH WEST INNER CITY ELECTORAL AREA

South West Inner City Area Report

Kilmainham Mill

Our multi-disciplinary design team has tendered for a company to conduct some investigative digging along the Mill Race. All appropriate measures including licensing have been taken and DCC's Archaeology Section will attend the dig. Detailed design drawing for the enabling works are currently in progress. We remain on track to tender for a construction company to carry out the main work in January.

In September of this year DCC facilitated local school tours to the site.

A Walk – Garden Installation at Richmond Barracks

On Monday 30th September 2019 Lord Mayor Paul McAuliffe launched *A Walk* – garden installation in Richmond Barracks. In early 2019 Joanne Byrne, artist, was commissioned by Eadaoin Ní Chléirigh, former CEO, Richmond Barracks and Ruairi O Cuiv, Public Art Officer, to create an installation in the garden of Richmond Barracks to commemorate the walk taken by the 1916 Rising leaders across the Officer's Square to their court-martial trials held in the Officer's Block. The garden at Richmond Barracks now lies in the former Officer's Square and the artist's brief was to create a piece that should have physical and emotional elements that stimulate the imagination and promote contemplation and reflection of this historic walk. Artist, Joanne Byrne, who has a background in graphic design, was drawn to a typographic approach and was inspired by an 1892 diary entry by Countess Markievicz who wrote, "*Nature should provide me with something to live for,*

something to die for The artist worked in association with A.D. Design who fabricated the lettering from corten steel. An accompanying interpretative panel also created from corten steel has been installed to provide historical context to visitors.

Public Realm Projects in South West Inner City

- **Francis Street Environmental Improvement Scheme** – the invitation to tender for construction of this project is now finalised and will issue shortly. The project has a revised start date of January 2020. Advance utility works by Irish Water are expected to commence in January for a period of 6-8 weeks. The main paving work will commence thereafter. Advanced public information sessions will be arranged for early December.
- **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.
- **Dolphin's Barn Environmental Improvement Scheme** – the Area Office is currently assessing whether some or all of the elements of this approved scheme can be undertaken as part of the BusConnects programme, given the area's location along one of the main bus corridor routes.
- **Meath Street Environmental Improvement Scheme** – Concept design stage has been completed and is now awaiting resources to advance it to preliminary design stage and Part VIII.
- **St Luke's Avenue/The Coombe** – a new signal arrangement and pedestrian crossing is currently under construction at the junction of St. Luke's Avenue & the Coombe. Work is also underway to upgrade the public lighting along The Coombe.

Greening Projects and Parks

- **Bridgefoot Street Park** – Final preparations are now being made for this site and construction of this new community park is expected to commence by the end of the year. It is expected work will continue to the end of summer 2020 followed by a period of 'bedding-in' to establish the park before it opens to the public.
- **Marrowbone Lane Greening** – 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 now expected to start in January.
- **St. James's Linear Park** – the process to develop a masterplan for the parkland from St. James's Hospital to Suir Bridge is ongoing.
- **St. Catherine's Park, Thomas Court** – work will commence shortly to reconstruct the main park entrance and make improvements to inside the park. The Area Office has previously engaged with the Crime Prevention Office and regularly meets with local Gardaí to raise the issue of antisocial use. We will continue to work to address antisocial behaviour in the park and support the wider community use of this amenity.
- **Reuben Street Trees** - the Area Office and Parks Department are advancing a first phase of street tree planting on Reuben Street to take place over the coming winter planting season.
- **Gray Street/Coombe Court** – the Area Office with Parks Department are installing 2 no. new planter areas and making localised public realm improvements at these locations. New trees will be planted at Coombe Court in the coming winter planting season.
- **Bonham Street**
The construction of housing will commence shortly at Bonham Street. The fencing protecting the construction site will be erected before the end of the month. This will be the first rapid build housing scheme in the South West Inner City and will be

followed by two similar developments at Weaver Square, Cork Street, Dublin 8. The proposed scheme will include 57 apartments in 3 blocks with 26 1-bedroom units, 26 2-bedroom units and 5 3-bedroom units.

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Social Inclusion Week

Social inclusion week may have got off to a slightly gloomy start with the inclement weather forecast, but it certainly didn't dampen the spirits of the people in the Liberties who came out in large numbers to support the various community events which included, a Health and Wellness day in the beautiful setting of Dublin's Municipal Rowing Centre. Participants availed of taster sessions in rowing, yoga, and holistic therapies including: Reflexology, Indian head Massage, Aromatherapy etc.

Historian in Residence

On Thursday 3rd October, Dublin City Council's Historian in Residence, Cathy Scuffil, presented her lecture "**In the Time of the Tans**" in St. Andrew's Community Centre in Rialto. Cathy gave a fascinating local account of happenings in the Dublin 8 area during the War of Independence.

Baby Bee Festival

The annual Baby Bee Festival took place in Oscar Square on Sunday 6th October. Here, local families participated in a range of artistic activities including storytelling, music, drama and dance. The main theme for this year's festival centered on an old Irish folk tale about a fisherman. The stunning artwork and illustrations for the fisherman were on exhibition and will hopefully be mounted on panels in the coming weeks around the parks perimeter railings for the enjoyment of all.

Public Domain Report for South West Inner City

The City Neighbourhood awards ceremony was held in Croke Park on Thursday 26th September. The South Central Area had 4 overall winning entries. In The Residential Category: Rialto Cottages Won 1st Prize in the 1-150 dwellings; The Liberties Cultural Association received an award for IPB Pride of Place Category; Michael Mallin House won 3rd Prize in the Flat/Apartment dwellings The Dublin Community Clean-Up - Tidy Drimnagh in partnership with Inchicore Environmental won joint 1st Prize.

A second Sustainable Gardening Course is currently running in the Dome at Flanagan's Fields on Monday Mornings- Mary Carroll a radio producer attending the course intends to have a piece on "The Last Word" on Today FM Radio shortly. This is an excellent promotional opportunity. Ring Street Dog Show was held in Jim Mitchell Park on 21st September. The event was very successful. *All photos are posted to South Central Facebook with permission.*

Flyers will be delivered to residents in the area with a Halloween Environmental Message and alternative family fun events listed on the back.

BALLYFERMOT/DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA

Drimnagh Task Force

The Drimnagh Task Force members received a presentation from the Easy Street Programme at a meeting on Monday the 14th October. It was agreed at that meeting to meet again on Monday the 21st to finalise the wording for a research proposal.

Cherry Orchard

All 72 houses in the CHI, (Co-operative Housing Ireland), estate have been let and all outstanding works have been completed.

Elmdale (new build)

53 of the houses at the Elmdale site have been let with the remaining 19 houses ready for letting this week. There are still outstanding issues relating to additional works on the periphery of the new build, which City Architects are in the process of resolving. An open evening will be held in St. Ultan's School in November when all of the families have settled into their new homes. All community services in the area will be invited to attend and the Cherry Orchard Resource Centre will provide refreshments. The new residents from Orchard Meadows will also be invited to attend. DCC will support the Cherry Orchard Family Resource Centre to run cookery classes for the new residents from Wed. 6th Nov. using recipes from the 101+ Square Meals cookery book, which is included with each tenancy. Each resident will be supplied with cookery equipment, which they will own after the classes are completed.

Cornamona Court

The contractors, Cunningham Contracts Ltd., sent a formal request to increase the working hours at the site to facilitate the delivery of goods before school drop off times. It should be noted that these are the standard conditioned working hours identified by DCC Planning & Property Development. The working hours agreed are as follows:

Mondays to Fridays 7am to 6pm

Saturday- 8am to 2pm

Sundays and Public Holidays – no activity on site

3.8 Acre Field at Sarsfield House, Lower Ballyfermot

Community consultations with residents in the immediate vicinity of the site will commence on Monday 21st Oct. at the Ballyfermot Resource Centre and Wednesday 23rd October at Fr. Bidone Court Common Room from 7pm to 8.30pm to discuss the development of the 3.8-acre field at Sarsfield House. Representatives from Orione Care and DCC will be available on the night to discuss the proposed development. Notices and leaflets have already been distributed.

Chapelizod, (Springvale Site)

The proposed development of 71 units on the site is to proceed. A number of quotes to carry out the preparatory work at Liffey Vale for the installation of the allotments are under review by Parks.

Claddagh Court

Planters have been provided at the vehicular entrance to Claddagh Court to prevent parking on the footpath, which blocks visibility of the residents when they are exiting the complex. In addition, other measures to prevent parking on the footpaths are also to be carried out by Roads Department over the coming months.

Environmental Works

The Probation Service continue to work at various locations across the Ballyfermot/Drimnagh area. Their work includes litter picking, painting of exterior walls, cutting back overhanging shrubbery etc. A small number of skips will be managed from the Ballyfermot Area office throughout the Ballyfermot/Drimnagh area to help alleviate the buildup of rubbish that may be illegally collected and dumped on bonfires over Halloween.

BusConnects

A meeting was held on 19th Sept. between NTA and residents from Ballyfermot to discuss the impact of BusConnects on the village. The NTA were appraised of all the proposed developments in the area and issues that might be caused by some of the proposals. The

NTA has agreed to take the comments on board and will look at incorporating further changes into the overall designs. A public forum was held on 2nd Oct. in the Hilton Hotel at which registered residents from Ballyfermot were able to attend to get further information.

Tribute Garden

On 28th Sept., the Lord Mayor officially opened a tribute garden located at Ballyfermot Civic Centre dedicated to the people of Ballyfermot and surrounding areas who are serving or formally served in the Defence Forces and emergency services. The garden, which includes a memorial, and benches donated by the Prison Service, is open to the public during business hours.

Kylemore Park

A meeting to discuss plans for the Park was held on Wednesday 16th October in Ballyfermot Library. Local residents were invited with staff from Parks, Ballyfermot Area office and An Garda Siochana in attendance.

Ballyfermot Civic Centre

Centre Management, Ballyfermot Community Association and Dublin City Council will be collaborating on hosting the Christmas Fare on Saturday December 7th from 12 noon to 5pm in the Ballyfermot Civic Centre. Local individuals or groups can express their interest in a stall to display and sell their produce. More details will be available nearer the date. Discussions are taking place between Centre Management and Dublin City Council libraries around using the Centre for a book swap or incorporating the use of a mobile library, which would supplement the existing service.

Cherry Orchard LAP

As the Cherry Orchard LAP has now been approved at City Council, an inter-departmental implementation team is being put in place.

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Halloween.

The City Council would like to acknowledge the great input of the following Youth and Community Groups to the Halloween events taking place throughout Ballyfermot and Drimnagh:

- Ballyfermot Youth Service and Candle Community Trust
- Familibase and The Orchard Centre
- The Equine Centre and Cherry Orchard Integrated Youth Service
- Drimnagh Residents Associations and Tidy Drimnagh
- Our Lady's Hall and Sing Act Dance Group
- Saint John Bosco's Youth Club

In both areas local committees have been meeting since March 2019 to put the programme of events in place.

Environmental Projects

The City Council is providing daffodil bulbs to residents groups, local schools and community organisations in Bluebell, Drimnagh, Chapelizod, Cherry Orchard and Ballyfermot as part of the "*Bulbs not Bonfires*" Campaign.

Maths Eyes School Project

The Maths Eyes Project between St. Dominic's College, Dublin City Council, and Technology University Dublin was launched officially in Ballyfermot's 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.

Lynch's Lane Men's Shed

The final phase of expansion of the Men's Shed based in the Ballyfermot resource centre is nearing completion. With funding from the 2019 Discretionary Funds extensive rebuilding works have enabled a near doubling of membership and facilities. The Men's Shed's progress is going from strength to strength developing environmental and carpentry programmes.

International Men's Day

DCC is supporting a local Men's Club called Video Craft who will launch their new video titled "The History of Dublin 12" on the 20th of November at 18:30 in Walkinstown Library.

Community Festival

The Ballyfermot Festival committee will hold an Open Meeting on Wednesday November 6th at 11:00 a.m. in St. Dominic's School to encourage community organisations to get behind the Ballyfermot 2020 Festival.

Public Domain Report for Ballyfermot/Drimnagh

The City Neighbourhood Awards proved to be very successful for The Ballyfermot/Drimnagh Area. Walkinstown Residents received 3rd Prize in the 300 plus dwellings category; St. Laurence's Grove won joint 2nd for Green Space category, Seven Oaks received 3rd Prize in the Allotments section. Bluebell Environmental Group won the Endeavour Category and Cherry Orchard Community Garden won the Best New Entry Winner. Ballyfermot Resource Centre received 3rd Prize for Community Garden. La Touche Court's Alex O'Callaghan won 3rd Prize in the individual Award *for outstanding contribution to his community*. Tidy Drimnagh in partnership with Inchicore Environmental Group won joint 1st prize in the Dublin Community Clean-Up Category. This was a fantastic achievement for Ballyfermot/Drimnagh and the entire South Central Area.

An Anti- Dumping Initiative took place over the summer months in the Cherry Orchard Area. The entrance to Cherry Orchard from Park West was the focus of the campaign. The boundary of the development and housing sites on Park West Ave was treated and the rear of Barnville Park. Cleaning, painting, tree planting and installation of temporary CCTV was part of the initiative. Householders were also asked to provide details of their domestic waste disposal to public domain. A Community clean-up was arranged for Saturday 14th September and members of the community from Ballyfermot, Cedarbrook and Cherry Orchard took part. Flyers will be delivered to residents in the area with a Halloween Environmental Message and a list of alternative family fun events on the back.

Kilmainham Inchicore Network

NTA Bus Connects

An NTA Community Forum Consultation with regard to Bus Connects: Route 7 – Liffey Valley to City Centre took place in the Hilton Kilmainham on 2nd October. The presentation included draft designs and "work in progress" which is on-going for the Liffey Valley corridor since the first round of consultation was completed in May 2019. Proposed Route 7 plans through Grattan Crescent have been revised, taking into account feedback from observations received. It's suggested that the London Plane Trees are to be preserved and a one-way traffic system for cars is now proposed. Plans along Emmet Road into James's Street are still under further detailed design consideration. There will be another round of public consultation later this year when further developed plans and designs will be presented. It is anticipated that the formal planning application to An Bord Pleanála will be

made during the middle of 2020. For more information:
www.busconnects.ie/initiatives/community-forum/

1B Site at former St. Michael's Estate

Public consultation took place around the proposed development at the “1b site” at the former St. Michael's Estate site during late September. The Inchicore Housing with Supports Demonstrator Scheme is a new model of housing for Ireland. It is a partnership between Circle VHA, ALONE, DCC, and the HSE and is supported by the Department of Housing Planning and Local Government and the Department of Health.

The scheme will provide 52 homes for older people, both couples and singles, that will provide 'life time housing', support and promote independence and ageing in place. Circle VHA will develop it with staffing on-site supporting tenants and a 24-hour presence on site will be provided by ALONE. A planning application will soon be lodged for this development.

Inchicore Library - Part 8

Proposed Access, Refurbishment & Alteration Works have been lodged; including new entrance steps, refurbishment and alteration of existing Library Building and the construction of a new 76 sq.m rear extension comprising of a Multipurpose Room, Staff Office, Toilet, Canteen and Ancillary Accommodation.

Sense of Place Talks

Three talks remain in the Autumn/Winter 2019 Series. All FREE talks will take place on Tuesdays at 6.30pm, Kilmainham Courthouse:

05-Nov Eric Dempsey *Birds of the Camac* (Organised in collaboration with Dublin City Council Water Framework Directive)

12-Nov Dermot Looney *Richer and Poorer: A History of Richmond Park, the home of St. Patrick's Athletic.*

19-Nov Cathy Scuffil *Housing Crisis 1918- 1925*

These talks are a collaboration between KIN, DCC, OPW and DCC Historian-in-Residence Cathy Scuffil. Tickets available at www.eventbrite.ie

Inchicore Regeneration Consultative Forum

Development Framework Plan (DFP) for DCC Emmet Road Site.

The Consultative Forum delegates were given the opportunity to ask questions about the Development Framework Plan. In total around 80 questions were answered by the Project Manager at a Forum meeting.

Inchicore Regeneration Consultative Forum Education Subcommittee:

This subcommittee is creating a strategic plan to assess and report on the future educational needs of Inchicore and Kilmainham. There have been two facilitated sessions with Dr Gerry Jeffers, Maynooth University over the last four weeks. The next meeting of the Education Subcommittee takes place 24th October 2019.



