

**Area Manager's Report
South Central Area Committee Meeting
15th January 2020**

Discretionary Fund 2019

€1,249,000 was allocated from the 2019 Discretionary Fund for projects in Ballyfermot/Drimnagh and the South West Inner City/Crumlin. The up-to-date position is as follows:

- No. of projects completed: 50
- No of projects ongoing: 14
- No. of projects due to commence: 13

A total of €976, 316 (78%) has been spent to date.

It is expected that the full allocation will be spent by the second quarter of this year.

Discretionary Fund 2020

The 2020 allocation is €480,000 with €240,000 available for projects in Ballyfermot/Drimnagh LEA and €240,000 available for projects in the South West Inner City LEA. A list of draft projects will be forwarded to Councillors in the next week with a view to presenting the final list of projects for agreement at the February Area Committee meeting.

SOUTH WEST INNER CITY ELECTORAL AREA

South West Inner City Area Report

St. Teresa's Gardens

Ground works to construct 54 houses/apartments commenced on 28th January 2019 with an expected construction completion date of Q4 2020. Residents in the two remaining blocks will move to the new units in Q1 2021.

Bonham Street site

Sisk, the City Council's contractor, is developing the site at Bonham Street, Dublin 8. The development of 57 homes comprises of 26 No.1 bedroom apartments, 26 No. 2 bedroom apartments, 5 No. 3 bedroom apartments and 2 commercial units. The apartment units will be contained in 3 residential blocks; Block 1 to the East 8-storeys, Block 2 to the North 6-storeys and Block 3 to the South 6-storeys. The commercial units are at the street level and first floor of Block 3.

The contract will take approximately 18 months. Works are on schedule.

Dolphin House

Work commenced in April 2018 to construct 42 units of older person's accommodation at a site to the rear of the football pitch with completion scheduled for early 2020. 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 will then be demolished. DCC presented the draft master plan to the Dolphin Regeneration Board. It was agreed there would be further consultations between DCC, Dolphin House Regeneration Board and the Dolphin House community.

Active Public Realm Projects in South West Inner City

- **Francis Street Environmental Improvement Scheme** – Advance utility works by Irish Water will commence on Mon 13th January for a period of 6-8 weeks. The main paving work is expected to commence in mid-March.
- **Marrowbone Lane Greening** – Work will continue to the end of January.

- **St. Catherine's Park, Thomas Court** – work to reconstruct the main park entrance and make other improvements inside the park is taking place through January. It is proposed to open the park in spring with new opening times including weekends.
- **Reuben Street Trees** - Parks Department is advancing a first phase of street tree planting on Reuben Street (6 no trees in buildouts) in January.

Bridgefoot Street Park: Site enabling works will take place over the next two weeks. The contractor for the main works is expected to mobilise on site in February. The Area Office is also liaising with Parks Department to devise a scheme to refurbish the median on Bridgefoot Street, to take place after the main park works.

Kilmainham Mill

The invitation to tender for the enabling works is currently with DCC's Quantity Surveyors for final costing and will issue in the first week of February. The Kilmainham Mill Project has successfully progressed through stage 2 of the Platforms for Growth Programme (Failte Ireland grant scheme worth €130 million). A rigorous three month application process through stage 3 will begin.

Kilmainham Inchicore Network (KIN) and Inchicore Regeneration Consultative Forum (IRCF)

Joint Workshop Hilton Kilmainham 18th January 2020:

Members of IRCF and KIN are invited to attend a facilitated workshop with the objective of outlining the views of the community on the proposed development to supplement the Development Framework Plan for the DCC Emmet Road Site.

Dr. Jack Nolan Report Published:

This Report, commissioned by DHPLG, on behalf of Minister for State Damien English, has been published:

https://www.housing.gov.ie/sites/default/files/publications/files/scoping_exercise_inchicore-kilmainham_report1.pdf

The report was commissioned to identify the needs of Kilmainham and Inchicore area from a strategic social and community perspective. The recommendations from this report strongly focus around sustaining the community, enterprise and entrepreneurship, creativity, generating employment opportunities and social inclusivity.

Community Report

Community Development Grants 2020 assessments/recommendations of all applications is now complete by the Community Development area team. Councillors will be notified of a pre-Area Committee grants meeting in due course.

Celebrating Weaving In the Liberties

The official launch of the Weaving in the Liberties Project will take place in the Hyatt Centric Hotel on Saturday 25th January from 5 – 7pm. Followed by a Weaving Exhibition on Sunday 26th January from 11.00am – 5.00pm; which will include a lecture by Cathy Scuffil - '1000 Years of Weaving in the Liberties'. Cathy's lecture will commence at 11.00am.

Various weaving exhibits will be on display along with weaving demonstrations by the members of the Liberties Weaving group. Members of the public are invited to bring along their textile treasures and memories of weaving and working in the local sewing factories. Everyone is welcome.

Love Your Heart Love Yourself - Thursday 13th February 2020

The Annual 'Love Your Heart Love Yourself' event will take place in St Andrews Community Centre, South Circular Road, Rialto. 15.00 – 19.00pm. This very popular Health and Wellbeing event will include a whole range of complimentary therapies and information on

general health and nutrition. The Marie Keating Foundation will attend along with the Irish Heart Foundation who will carry out blood pressure and pulse checks. The ARC Cancer Support Group will also be there to give advice and support to families who are dealing with Cancer.

'Love D8 - Celebrating all that's great about Dublin 8

Due to the phenomenal success of this event which was hosted in St. Patrick's Cathedral in 2019. In partnership with Dublin City Council and The Liberties Dublin Business Forum featuring over 130 community groups it is proposed to host a similar event in the early spring this year. Further details will be confirmed later.

Public Domain Report for South West Inner City

- A survey of street furniture in need of refreshing such as bollards, railings, bins, street lamps etc. have been completed. Seventy bollards along the primary Thomas Street route and offstreets have been identified for painting and this will be completed over the coming weeks.
- The railings at Dolphins Barn Street have also been scheduled for painting.
- A dead space in Blackpitts is currently being surveyed for suitability for de-paving/greening.
- The following areas will have graffiti removed or overpainted: - Cornmarket, Weaver Park, Carman's Hall/Francis St. Lambe Alley, Nicholas Place, John Dillon St and Hanover Arch And the Lane.
- Bye-Law Enforcement will begin again shortly and the areas listed for this programme are Rialto Cottage's, the Coomb and Cork Street Buildings.

BALLYFERMOT/DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA

Cornamona Court

A number of derogation orders have been approved for the site. Thursday 16th Jan, Monday 20th Jan and Wednesday 22nd Jan. have derogation times of 6am-7am and 18.00- 23.59 for each day. The contractor has informed the residents of these approvals.

3.8. Acre Field at Sarsfield House, Lower Ballyfermot

Meeting of the working group took place on Friday 13th December to discuss the outcome of the consultations and plan for additional consultations in 2020. The initial meetings with the residents were very positive and the next steps will be discussing number and type of units, community facilities etc.

De La Salle site

The Lower Ballyfermot Residents Association and Councillors met with the developer for the site. Dwyer Nolan outlined their proposals including density, heights, traffic management, community uses etc. The company is intending to submit the proposals to An Bord Pleanala shortly.

Chapelizod/Springvale

Preparatory site clearance work has commenced on the Springvale site by the contractors John Sisk & Son Ltd, since 2nd Jan. 2020. The judicial review hearing is expected to be before the courts in February 2020.

Kylemore Park

A further meeting with the residents of Kylemore Park will take place in January 2020. Preparatory works have commenced with removal of damaged trees and cutting back of

hedging. . The CCTV has been upgraded by removing the existing PTZ camera and replacing with a new PTZ, two fixed cameras and a wireless link, which are linked directly to the Garda station.

Cherry Orchard Local Area Plan

Staff from Planning Department met local staff on site to discuss the LAP in more detail. An implementation team is due to be set up shortly.

Ballyfermot Civic Centre

The total amount raised by the Civic Centre Fair was €1,043.28 for the charity Aware. The centre is now operating under one management system and this year the staff will be tasked with promoting the building to increase usage by the public. DCC will undertake major refurbishment works on the building and work in partnership with Parks around the development of the Civic Park to further increase footfall.

Ballyfermot Civic Park

A public meeting will be held on 16th January 2020 with the residents in the immediate vicinity of the Civic Park to discuss proposals for the Park and how it might link with the Civic Centre. With the opening of the tribute garden, it is timely to look at the remainder of the Park in conjunction with the Civic Centre to upgrade the entire site.

Le Fanu Skate Park

Work is progressing on schedule with the skate park. Expected completion in early spring 2020.

Elmdale

There was some damage to fencing at the vacant site in Elmdale at the back of the hospital. A quote for repair has been obtained and work will commence immediately. Boulders will also be dropped on site to prevent access to Cherry Orchard Football Club grounds.

Ballyfermot Sports & Leisure Centre

The pitches, which were scheduled to re-open this month, are further delayed due to faulty fence panels, which have to be replaced. The opening is now likely to be delayed to mid/end February.

Probation Service

The Probation Service continue to carry out improvement works in the area. The grass verges at pathways in various locations have been trimmed, community clean ups have taken place in Cherry Orchard and a second crew will now be located in the Equine Centre to increase the number of workers in the area which can be called upon to assist in environmental works.

Cherry Orchard

The Sports Hall Extension is currently on time and on budget for completion by May 2020. This will be a huge benefit for the entire area and further develop the capacity of the Original Orchard Community Centre.

Preparation is now underway for the programme of events for 2020 from the Orchard Centre and new and exciting programmes will be developed over the next number of months.

Community Report

Environmental Projects

Building on the success of the bulb planting on the two main Roundabouts the City Council, Tidy Drimnagh and Our Lady of Mercy Secondary School, will commence community plantings promoting pollinator friendly plants.

The Ballyfermot Men's shed has completed the renovations to their premises. The renovation work was funded through the 2019 Discretionary Fund. With the extra space, the group can now accommodate more men and extend their opening hours. The Council and Resource Centre are supporting the committee to set up proper structures and ensure health and safety compliance.

Community Participation

The Chapelizod Community Choir, which targets older people with dementia, are seeking new members. The Choir is open to all and takes place every Thursday at 3:00pm in Maryfield Convent. The Choir, which was set up by Dublin City Council, receives funding through the Social Inclusion and Age Friendly programmes.

The City Council established the Ballyfermot Ukulele band in September 2018 in the Ballyfermot Resource Centre. The group are now forming a small committee to manage the band and are looking for new members. The band will relaunch at the end of the month. Further details: Miriam 222 4664.

The City Council is working with the Management Committee of Our Lady's Hall in Drimnagh to support the restructuring of the Committee and prepare for their AGM.

Social Inclusion

The City Council provided financial support, from the Social Inclusion Fund, to the following groups in December 2019 towards the organisation of events: - Drimnagh Men's Club, Chapelizod Community Choir, Dublin 10/20 Men's Shed, Bluebell Autism group and the Ballyfermot/Chapelizod Disability Action Collective.

Seachtain na nGaeilge 2020.

The City Council is supporting Coiste Bhailethormaid to organise a programme of events for March's Seachtain Na Gaeilge festivities, which includes a Parade to be held on March 11th and a Ceili for students from local schools. The City Council is hoping to establish a similar group to organise events in the Drimnagh Area.

Ballyfermot Festival 2020

The Ballyfermot Festival Committee have commenced meetings to plan the 2020 Summer Festival, which will take place over two weeks in July. The Council is working with the committee to establish a community network to connect and inform local groups of the various events.

Public Domain Report for Ballyfermot/Drimnagh

A survey of all street furniture is underway. A painting programme will ensue on completion. Bins, bollards, benches and lamp standards will be assessed. An enforcement programme is underway in the area. The hot spots identified are Spiddal, Barnville & the Drumfinn environs. Drimnagh households in hot spots will be targeted later in the year. All householders are obliged to retain proof of appropriate domestic waste disposal.

You are invited to the launch and exhibition of **WEAVING IN THE LIBERTIES**

LAUNCH

Saturday 25th January, 5pm-7pm

**HYATT CENTRIC,
The Liberties Dublin**

EXHIBITION

Sunday 26th January 11am-5pm

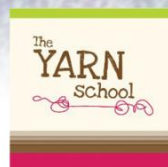
- Exhibition and Weaving Demos by the Weaving In The Liberties Group
- Lecture by Cathy Scuffil
1000 Years of Weaving in the Liberties at 11am Sharp
- Family Weaving Workshops

Bring along your textile treasures, share your memories
of weaving and sewing factories in the Liberties

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City of Dublin Education and Training Board



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Dublin City Council

Leakage Reduction Programme

January 2020

Irish Water, in partnership with Dublin City Council, is replacing ageing water mains on Francis Street, Dublin 8 to provide a more reliable water supply and reduce high levels of leakage.

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 quality



Delivering savings on operation and maintenance of the network

1. Details of the project

The works involve the replacement of 460 metres of old cast iron water mains with high density polyethylene (plastic) pipes on Francis Street, Dublin 8 are scheduled to commence on Monday 13 January 2020. 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.

The works will be carried out on behalf of Irish Water by GMC Utilities Group Ltd. and are expected to be completed in March 2020.

For more information on the Leakage Reduction Programme please visit www.water.ie



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