

**Director of Services Report  
South Central Area Committee Meeting  
17<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

Dublin City Council, an Garda Síochána, Dublincity and the NTA have been working closely on Easing the City open. The working group has met frequently over the past few weeks and have been very effective in dealing with potential issues. A successful media campaign helped let people know what to expect in the city. Volunteers in Henry Street and Grafton Street were on hand to assist as needed. We will continue to meet as the city opens further. There has been a significant response to our Street furniture initiative, with over 50 applications received in the last week.

**SOUTH WEST INNER CITY ELECTORAL AREA**

**“Enabling the City to Return to Work, Interim Mobility Intervention Programme for Dublin City”**

This Programme sets out the suite of mobility measures required to ensure social distancing in the City Centre, the key radial routes into the City and the Urban Villages. We are now concentrating all our resources and efforts in the delivery on the ground of the measures outlined.

So far, we have received over 150 Covid-19 intervention requests via the TAG Office, our dedicated portal, [Covid Mobility Measure Request Form](#) and our email: [covidmobility@dublincity.ie](mailto:covidmobility@dublincity.ie)

Given the unprecedented workload that we have been tasked with, the TAG Area Engineers & TAG administrative team have had to be temporarily re-assigned to work full time on the [Covid Mobility Intervention Team](#).

In light of this, it is not possible to maintain “business as usual” when it comes to dealing with non-Covid related requests coming in from the public through the TAG office.

Therefore for the duration of the Covid pandemic, please be advised that the processing of non-Covid related requests from the public through TAG is temporarily suspended until further notice. Councillors may still use the TAG facility for requests, however, Covid mobility related requests will be prioritised.

**South West Inner City Area Report**

**Public Realm Improvement and Economic Development**

**Bridgefoot Street Park** – Work has recommenced at Bridgefoot Street. Parks & Landscaping Services advise that while the programme is now behind its original target of October to complete, the park will be completed and opened in Spring 2021 as intended.

**Bridgefoot Street median and cycleways** – a replanting scheme for this central median is being prepared for completion at the end of the year following works to the park. Work on new cycleway provision on Bridgefoot Street was partially completed before March. Final sections, which will require some civil works, will be undertaken over the summer.

**Francis Street Environmental Improvement Scheme** – This project is awaiting final corporate approval to formally appoint a contractor and proceed to site.

**Meath Street & Environs Public Realm Project** – The Area Office and Roads Design Division will now recommence design work on this proposed public realm scheme to advance the project to Part 8 consent stage.

**Reuben Street tree planting** – civil works to install 6 no. tree pits and planted areas will take place in coming weeks. The trees themselves will be planted over the winter planting season.

**St Catherine’s Park** – gravestone relocations and landscaping works at the east side of the park are being finalized and work is hoped to take place over the summer. The park is currently closed pending these works.

**Oisín Kelly Park/ Basin Lane** – the Area Office is working with local Parks team to undertake some tree maintenance, landscaping works and boundary improvements to this amenity area. A plan for tree replacement is required in this area and adjoining Mary Aikenhead House as a number of trees are diseased or end of life. Opportunities for street trees are also being considered.

**Weavers Square/ Chamber Street:** an audit of public realm in this area is underway to assess deficiencies and measures to enhance the area, particularly given the current housing development here. Improvements will be made as resources allow.

**Pedestrian and cycle prioritization measures** – the Area Office is seeking for a number of measures to be assessed in The Liberties and some busy village locations to assist with social distancing.

### **Economic Development**

*A number of area initiatives are underway to assisting businesses reopening over the next two months:*

- A **Restart Grant** for all businesses in the city is currently open to applications. The scheme extends to the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 and is support-funded by Dept. Business, Enterprise & Innovation. The scheme offers grants between €2,000 and €10,000 and assessment is based on 2019 Rates.
- The **SWIC Shopfront Improvement Scheme 2020** has been extended to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020. Support funding of up to €2,000 is offered under this scheme.
- A variety of business supports are in place via the Dublin City **Local Enterprise Office** to assist businesses in the city. This includes microfinancing loans and online trading vouchers.
- An increase in **requests for outdoor street furniture** in the area is expected in coming weeks as businesses seek to open and operate with greater social distancing. Licensing charges have been waived for a period of 6 months to facilitate outdoor seating. The Area Office will monitor the situation in urban villages to ensure that wider pedestrian use of the public realm is not impeded.
- The Area Office is working with local **tourism partners** in The Liberties to assess the impacts of the Covid-19 Emergency on the sector and assist them with recovery. It is expected that many attractions in the area will reopen from 29<sup>th</sup> June. The focus for the remainder of 2020 will most certainly be local and Dublin-based visitors with no significant international visitor numbers until into 2021.

## **Kilmainham Inchicore**

### **Food Bank Inchicore**

KIN have been working in collaboration with Frontline Make Change, St Patrick's Athletic FC and Dublin South City Partnership in setting up a sustainable Food Bank Initiative in the Inchicore/Kilmainham area, a multi-organisational response to Covid-19 designed to support those in our community deemed most vulnerable by the drastic changes to everyday life that occurred with the advent of Covid-19 in Ireland.

The identified groups were as follows

- Individuals required to cocoon/self-isolate due to Covid-19
- Economically vulnerable households due to Covid-19
- Service users of Frontline Make Change

We would like to place on record our gratitude to those who have supported the Inchicore Community Food Bank to date. Monetary donations (via Go Fund Me) and food donations have far exceeded expectations. Your support has enabled us to deliver more than 1000 food parcels to people in need across the past seven weeks in the Inchicore area.

The food bank will continue in line with the government's road map for lifting Covid-19 restrictions and our current aim is to continue this service until the week ending July 19th. While a short-term measure, this programme has assisted the social capital of the area and contributed greatly to community cohesion. It has helped essential services identify hidden populations who had previously not linked in with local services.

Finally, we would like to thank the team of committed volunteers who have ensured the success of this programme.

### **Inchicore Regeneration Consultative Forum**

#### **DCC Emmet Road Development Site**

Bucholz McEvoy Architects have been appointed as Integrated Design Team for the DCC Emmet Road development site. They will be introducing themselves to the Consultative Forum on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June.

#### **Report from KIN/CF Workshop Jan 2020**

A Report from KIN/CF exploring the community view on planned developments at the DCC Emmet Road site has been given to Bucholz McEvoy Architects. Connect the Dots facilitated the workshop and the second Internal Report, expanding on information gathered on the day, a useful reference for future design consultations, will be completed soon.

#### **Jack Nolan Report**

CF have written to Minister of State Damien English T.D. requesting that the appointment of an Independent Chair for the proposed Kilmainham Inchicore Development Board be carried out immediately. Once the Chair is appointed then the proposed recommendations and actions from the Nolan Report can be reviewed and implemented. In response to the CF letter the Department of Housing has stated that the request is being reviewed. We are now waiting until the new government formation has taken place and then contact the newly appointed Minister for Housing.

#### **Kilmainham Mill:**

The final date for tender submissions for the enabling works to the mill has now closed. Several companies has issued tenders which will soon be evaluated to ascertain which is the most economically advantageous, before seeking final, financial approval to appoint.

**City Hall:**

Preliminary concept drawings for improvements to Councillor offices and facilities are in progress. Once drawings have been cost estimated to ensure feasibility these will be circulated to councilors for comment and feedback.

**Housing Development and Management Updates****Bonham St .Dublin 8 / New Build**

Site works resumed May 18th

DCC have designated a community liaison (Mark McInerney) to engage with residents regarding their concerns.

Mark can be contacted @ 0877371254 [mark.mcinerney@dublincity.ie](mailto:mark.mcinerney@dublincity.ie)

**Cork St/ Weaver St. Volumetric Build**

Site works resumed May 18<sup>th</sup>.

DCC have designated a community liaison (Veronica Hand) to engage with residents regarding their concerns. Due back on site May 18th.

Veronica can be contacted @ 087 0997512 [veronica.hand@dublincity.ie](mailto:veronica.hand@dublincity.ie)

**Margaret Kennedy SQ. Dublin 8.**

Site works resumed May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**St Michael's Estate Emmet Road Dublin 8.**

Design Team meetings ongoing.

**Tyrone Place Dublin 8. Regeneration.**

Study underway. Report due for completion in July.

**Liberties Cluster Dublin 8.**

Study underway.

**Oliver Bond Regeneration.**

SIMS building. Three options explored. New community centre and football pitch to be considered as part of the scheme. Model and plans to be presented to newly established local consultation group for feedback as soon as model available.

**Dolphin House Regeneration Masterplan Dublin 8.**

Masterplan to be completed and agreed by all stakeholders

**Community Development.****Cruinniú na nÓg 2020 / Saturday 13th June 2020**

To celebrate Cruinniú na nÓg a national day of creativity for children and young people, Oliver Bond Residents Group worked with Dublin City Council Community Team, Arts office and Robert Emmett CDP with the support of Creative Ireland on the Oliver Bond House Mask Challenge.

Over 80 young people registered to take part in the challenge; they all received a colouring pack, t-shirt and mask.

Masks were then decorated by young people; their parents/guardians took pictures of their children with their mask and T-Shirt on and forwarded the image on to the outlined email or WhatsApp number before the deadline, which was Wednesday 10th June 2020.

All of the images to be linked together in an amazing video for Oliver Bond House.

The video was uploaded to Creative Ireland website for Cruinniú na nÓg on Saturday 13th June 2020.

### **Community Environmental Initiative / May/June 2020**

In line with our annual environmental initiatives, community staff from Eblana House organised and oversaw the delivery of bedding and perennial shrubs and plants to various locations throughout the South Central area.

Local residents were requested to sign up to strict safety protocols with regard to the deliveries. Masks, gloves etc. were given to the individual appointed to accept the plants at each location. Communal planting was also discouraged. Deliveries took place over a three-day period throughout the Liberties, Rialto and Inchicore areas.

Local residents were thrilled with the plants and extremely happy to see the familiar faces of the community staff.

### **Africa Day 2020 / 25<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

In conjunction with the community team and local African writer and founder member of the African Culture Project, Adekunle Gomez, a contribution for Africa Day 2020 was submitted to the department of foreign affairs and trade through the Social Inclusion Unit.

The festival was held solely online this year due to COVID restrictions.

Our submission was in celebration of the Ethiopian Writer Gabriella Ghermandi. It included a passage from her book and her thoughts on identity and belonging and a piece about her experiences of growing up in Ethiopia and her time studying in Italy.

Gabriella was due to travel to Ireland prior to the pandemic and it is hoped she will be able to come and deliver a workshop and or reading locally when it is safe to do so as was the original intention of Adekunle and the African Cultural Project.

### **Bloomsday / 16th June 2020**

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June members of the public were invited to tune into a Bloomsday event via webcam at St James's Church.

The Songs for Bloomsday event was organised by local Community Development Staff in association with Fr. Eugene Taaffe PP.

Gerry Noonan BARITONE accompanied by Pauline Cooper on PIANO performed a selection of songs to celebrate Bloomsday.

## SONGS FOR BLOOMSDAY ST. JAMES'S CHURCH WEBCAM

<http://stjamesparish.ie/webcam/>

A SELECTION OF SONGS TO  
CELEBRATE BLOOMSDAY  
WITH  
**GERRY NOONAN** – BARITONE  
**PAULINE COOPER** – PIANO

**TUESDAY JUNE 16TH – 10.30AM**



### **COVID 19 Support helpline.**

The operational hours of the Community Call Forum helplines will now be operating 9am-5pm, 7 days per week as and from Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020, providing practical support as a safety net for vulnerable people.

### **Public Domain**

Intensive clean scheduled for Meath St, Thomas St, St Catherines Lane, Cornmarket, Dean St and High St. Due for completion in the next two weeks. Community Clean-up and planting equipment provided by Waste Management Stores delivered to groups in Inchicore and Liberties.

Illegal dumping still an issue with an increase of 30% across the City. See Southcentral Face book page for updates and video clips.

Graffiti removed from Cork St and Inchicore. All Services resuming however constraints still exist due to Covid 19.. Dublin Canvas have a call out for submissions for art works on Traffic Signal Boxes with a deadline of 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020

Report from: -

**Bruce Phillips,**  
**Senior Executive Officer**  
**South West Inner City Local Electoral Area.**

## **BALLYFERMOT/DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA**

### **Housing Projects**

#### **Chapelizod/Springvale Site**

The contractors, Sisk and Son Ltd., are back on site since 18<sup>th</sup> May. We are awaiting a court date for the judicial review hearing.

#### **3.8 Acre Site at Sarsfield Road**

The next meeting of the Working Group is scheduled for Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June at which the presentation made by DCC to DHPLG and the outcome will be discussed in detail.

#### **OLV site on Sarsfield Road**

Site investigations have commenced on site.

#### **Cornamona Site**

The contractors are back on site since Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Due to the strict adherence to Government guidelines around H&S, there is a reduced workforce on site at present.

#### **Crumlin Road**

The potential impact of Bus Connects on the project is being examined currently.

#### **Bluebell Regeneration Project**

Housing Development and City Architects are currently working on a vision document for the project. As part of the process, an in-house village feasibility will be undertaken including a greening strategy. Heights, density, tenure mix will form part of the discussion and subcommittees are currently being established.

Work is continuing on refurbishment of the void properties in the area, albeit at a slower rate due to Covid 19 restrictions. Four properties let to date in June with fifty-one let to end of May 2020. Rent assessments and estate management issues continue to be addressed with staff combining remote working and rostered office attendance.

#### **Skate Park Le Fanu Park**

The contractors are removing their fencing between 23<sup>rd</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> June so the facility will be open to the public after that date.

#### **Kylemore Park**

No work has taken place on the Kylemore Park upgrade since the restrictions were imposed. The company carrying out the work are from Northern Ireland and have been unable to travel due to the restrictions. I will keep Councilors' updated as to when this work can recommence.

#### **Springvale Allotments**

Groundworks commenced on 27<sup>th</sup> May adjacent to Donore Harriers for the provision of 40 replacement allotments, which were located on the Springvale site. The contractor has been requested to include a space for the future installation of a composter on site. Discussions are underway around the possible installation of composters in Bluebell and Cherry Orchard allotment sites and other sites that may be identified in the area.

#### **California Hills Park**

Following on from De La Salle GAA's request to install goalposts in California Hills as their pitch is no longer available; and following consultation with the residents, this work is scheduled to happen on 14<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Ballyfermot Civic Centre Park**

A program update is included on the Agenda for this meeting.

### **Food Bank**

DCC via the Ballyfermot Civic Centre continue to deliver food parcels bi-weekly to vulnerable older persons in the following Older Persons Complexes: Fr. Lemass Court, Rossmore Ave., Rossaveal Court, River View Court, Blackditch Court, Claddagh Court and Fr. Kitt Court. The Ballyfermot/Chapelizod Partnership deliver to vulnerable families and older persons in the wider community. 493 food parcels have been delivered to date by DCC staff in conjunction with An Garda Siochana. An additional 100 food parcels are due for delivery for the remainder of June. It is intended, in conjunction with Ballyfermot/Chapelizod Partnership to cease deliveries by 29<sup>th</sup> June in line with the phased reopening of businesses. Residents who are experiencing continued difficulties after that date can make contact with St.VdeP directly for assistance.

### **Community**

#### **Covid Helpline**

The Community Staff continue to support the Covid Helpline. Since the lifting of cocooning and public health restrictions Calls to the helpline have reduced. The operating hours for the Helpline are now 9.00AM to 5:00PM seven days a week to reflect the reduction in calls but ensure that support remains available to the most vulnerable in the community.

Last month the following groups, applied for and, have been recommended funding to a maximum of €1000 from the Dublin City Covid 19 Emergency Fund. This fund is a grant programme to provide funding to groups and organisations that are directly involved in the community call response.

Walkinstown and Greenhills Resource Centre  
Mother Mc Cauley and Fr. Bidoni Meals on Wheels Services  
Ballyfermot Youth Service, Familibase and Candle Youth Projects  
Ballyfermot Advance Project,  
St Johns Ambulance Ballyfermot and Order of Malta Drimnagh

#### **Environment**

Over 5000 flyers have been distributed throughout Ballyfermot and Chapelizod promoting our Gardens in Bloom competition. The closing date for entries is June 24<sup>th</sup> and the exhibition will be launched outdoors along the railings at the Assumption Church and other locations in in Ballyfermot and Chapelizod on July 14<sup>th</sup>. The project is supported by the Ballyfermot Environmental Group, Chapelizod Tidy Towns and the Satsum Camera Club.

The City Council is providing equipment for Resident and Community groups to organise small socially distanced clean ups of their streets and premises.

The City Council and Ballyfermot Environmental Project are repairing the 20 Planters along the Main Road and replanting them with summer bedding.

#### **Community Participation**

##### **Summer youth project**

Dublin City Council and Saint John Bosco Youth Club have organised a project designed and created by the local youth thanking the frontline workers and volunteers. The project consists of two murals one on the hoardings on Davitt road and one in Brickfield Park. The project will be videoed and launched on social media at the end of July.



### **The Bungalow, Cherry Orchard**

The City Council congratulates the Bungalow who are celebrating 30 years community service in the Cherry Orchard Area. A small staff of three full time workers, 2 JI workers and a team of volunteers who provide an invaluable resource to the local community. Services include Adult education programmes, DIY and cookery, adult literacy and a great range of Holistic therapies.

During the closures due to Covid -19 the team continued to support the community by making face masks, online cookery demonstrations, food deliveries and telephone counselling support.

### **Friends of the South Central Newsletter**

To maintain contact with community volunteers, residents and community organisations the City Council Community Team will launch our Friends of South Central Newsletter on June 21<sup>st</sup>. The newsletter aims to keep groups informed of events, funding opportunities and share general local information services. The newsletter will be circulated by email and social media with the hope of building a large network.

**The Orchard Community Centre** remains closed to public. Organisations based in the centre have been permitted to use their offices on a limited basis to ensure their own programs are making changes where deemed necessary.

**The Sports Hall Extension** continues at a rapid pace and very shortly, the building will be weather proofed so work can begin on the interior.

Staff of Orchard Centre are engaging with Fineprint about signage, screens etc. for the return to work scenario. The current date in line with national guidelines is August 10<sup>th</sup>.

The **Foodbank** shall return to Cherry Orchard at the end of June and will continue, as it has been for the last 2.5 years incl any Covid-19 regulations.

Dave O'Donovan and Paul Smyth have been monitoring the Community Response requests as they came in during May and June.

### **Public Domain**

Public Domain will be commencing writing to households where complaints have been received to investigate how households are disposing of their waste to determine compliance with byelaws. Law Dept. to review all templates in advance. Waste Management crews are still seeing high levels of illegal dumping- Hot Spots:Lissadel Rd, Rafters Lane, Camac Park, Kylemore Pk North Bring Centre ,Hardy's Lane, Kylemore Rd, Cherry Orchard estates, Tyrconnell Rd, Ring S & Jamestown Rd/ Ave. Public Domain delivered equipment for community clean-ups to Bluebell, Chapelizod, Walkinstown and Drimnagh Groups. Any other groups requiring supplies to contact [southcentralpublicdomain@dublincity.ie](mailto:southcentralpublicdomain@dublincity.ie) . The Three Tiered Planters have been installed at various locations around the area and are providing a burst of colour. Dublin canvas will be presenting artists submissions at the end of June and artists will be commencing works in the area from early July. Flyers have been distributed by the Community Team advertising garden photography competition with a public domain message included. Public Domain will support this and other initiatives now that the restrictions are easing.

Report from: -

**Kay Noonan,**  
**Acting Senior Executive Officer**  
**Ballyfermot/Drimnagh Local Electoral Area.**

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All you have to do is send us a picture of your garden, with your name, address and contact phone number.

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Or drop your picture into:

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Closing date: Wednesday June 24<sup>th</sup>



## Ballyfermot in Bloom Garden Competition



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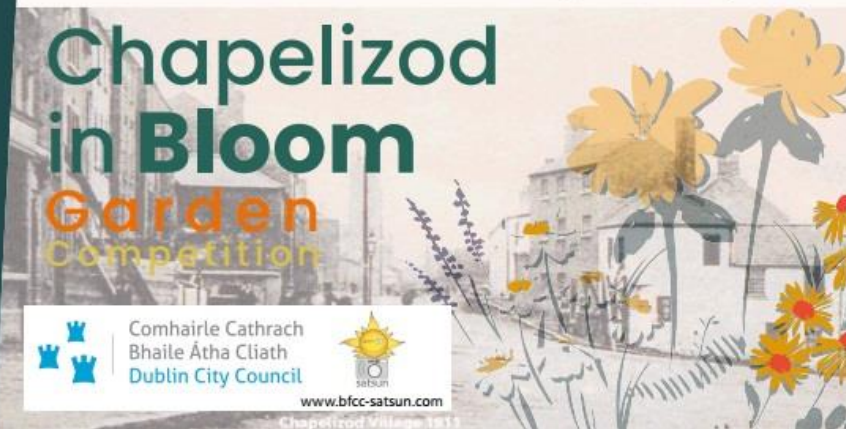
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