

**Director of Services Report  
South Central Area Committee Meeting  
16<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

**SOUTH WEST INNER CITY ELECTORAL AREA**

**South West Inner City Area Report**

**Capital Projects:**

**Meath Street Public Realm Project** – a proposal to members to initiate a Part VIII in respect of new public realm at Meath Street will be made at the July Area Committee.

**Francis Street Environmental Improvement Scheme** – the appointed contractor KN Circet is mobilising to site ahead of a planned 10-month build. A site compound will operate at Hanover Lane for the duration of the programme. Works will start between Dean Swift Square to Thomas Davis Street and progress south in stages along the east side of the street. Traffic management measures will be in place.

**Bridgefoot Street Park** – work will continue through June and July. Currently the park is projected to open in late September.

**Various Greening Projects:**

**Bridgefoot Street Median (tree planting & greening)** – works proposed in October

**James Street Median (planting scheme and paving works)** – works are expected to commence in summer

**Carman's Hall** – a proposals for street trees along Carman's Hall is being developed. Site survey work will be undertaken in coming weeks and a proposal will then be displayed to residents in August/September.

**Blackpitts** – a proposal for tree planting and raingarden areas has been development for the area between Clanbrassil Terrace and Donovan Lane. Site survey work will be undertaken in coming weeks and a proposal be displayed to residents in September.

**Reuben Street/ Haroldville Avenue & St Anthony's Road** – proposals for further street tree planting are being developed with required survey work to take place over summer.

**St Catherine's Park** – all work is now complete at St Catherine's Park and the park will reopen to public use shortly. Resources to actively manage the park remain limited and it's likely that antisocial use of the park will also continue to be a challenge. However it is hoped that the investment of recent years and longer opening times will encourage greater public use of the amenity and that antisocial uses will diminish.

**Oscar Square, Tenters** – a meeting was held in May with residents of the Tenters to present a series of improvement measures for this park. The measures were generally welcomed and will be implemented over the coming 6-9 months.

**Interim Projects:**

**Dolphin's Barn Interim Measures** – proposed over the coming 6 months.

**Newmarket 'Pop-up' Space** – the Area Office is seeking to implement a 'pop-up' pedestrianized area over the summer to be available as an amenity, seating and events space. The proposal will be implemented as a Covid Mobility Measure.

**Economic Development:**

The **Shopfront Improvement Scheme 2021** assisting businesses in the south west inner city area has been extended to the end of June. The scheme has attracted 20 projects to date.

A proposed **Modos Circular Economy Training** programme for Dublin 8 businesses has been deferred until Autumn.

**Housing Updates SWIC.****Bonham St .Dublin 8. Volumetric Build**

<b>57</b> 26 x 1 bed 26 x 2 bed 5 x 3 bed	On site	Completion of Scheme	Q1 2022
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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**

<b>55</b> 32 x 1 bed 10 x 2 bed 13 x 3 bed	On site	Completion of scheme	Q2 2022
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DCC have designated a community liaison (Veronica Hand) to engage with residents regarding their concerns.

Veronica can be contacted @ 0870997512 [veronica.hand@dublincity.ie](mailto:veronica.hand@dublincity.ie)

**Margaret Kennedy SQ. Dublin 8.**

<b>54</b> 8 x 1 bed 18 x 2 bed 28 x 3 bed		Completion of scheme	Complete.
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### **St Michael's Estate Emmet Road Dublin 8.**

Emmet Road, D.8 (St. Michael's)	Design in progress. Lodge planning Q3 2021	
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### **Tyrone Place D8. Regeneration.**

**Status:** LA Housing- Regeneration 96 units  
Feasibility study underway to determine development options.

### **Liberties Cluster Dublin 8.**

Stage 1 submitted to DHPLG

### **Oliver Bond Regeneration.**

Stage 1 application being compiled for DHPLG.

### **Dolphin House Regeneration Masterplan Dublin 8.**

The Dolphin House Regeneration Masterplan approved on the 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021 by the DH Regeneration Board. Dublin City Council and the DH Regeneration Board have completed consultations. Dublin City Council to review findings.

### **Community**

#### **Face Lift for Rialto Cottages**

Residents from Rialto Cottages have literally taken to the streets in recent days. Armed with brushes, rollers, paint, wood stain, sand paper etc. they are busily preparing for this year's entry in the Dublin City Neighbourhoods Competition. Street Furniture and planters will be freshened up too with the arrival of DCC's annual Summer Bedding in the coming days. Elsewhere, Rialto Environment Group are putting out the call for volunteers to assist with their annual clean up's of the Village, Linear Park and Grand Canal.

#### **Gardeners of the Future**

Children from the F2 after schools club in Rialto are taking part in a three week horticultural programme. At this week's workshop they learned how to identify edible plants in the nearby Flanagan's Field community garden. They also got to plant their own peas and lettuce. Next week they will harvest various herbs from the garden which will be used in a scented soap making workshop. In week three they will get to choose and plant their own favourite Autumn & Winter vegetable.

### **St Audeons House Environmental Project**

Dublin City Council Community Team are working with a recently formed environmental group of enthusiastic residents in St Audeon's House.

To support the group the community team have ordered planters for the estate, these beds will be a place for the group to grow herbs, fruit and vegetables.

The group will work with young people within the estate and encourage them to take part.

### **Blooms Day by the River 16th June**

This Year's Blooms Day event will take place at the Municipal Rowing Centre in Islandbridge.

For health and safety reasons this outdoor event will be limited to thirty people who have been fully vaccinated.

Music will be provided by Baritone Gerry Noonan and Pianist Pauline Cooper.

Refreshments will be served at individual tables and social distancing will be strictly adhered to.

### **Life in the time of Covid – Stories from the children of Dublin 8.**

Dublin City Council's, South West Inner City Community Development Team in association with South Central Area Local historian in residence Ms Cathy Scuffil have worked with local primary schools on a local history / archival project. Life in the time of Covid-19 Stories from the children of Dublin 8.

A number of classes from 7 primary schools across Dublin 8 took part in online zoom's with our historian in residence and were asked to submit their personal stories and experiences of life during Covid -19. These stories could be in the form of a story, a poem, a letter which they wrote to pen pals, a song or a picture on a single A4 page and will be available to the public should they wish to access them following official delivery to the New Children Archive within Dublin City Archive.

A separate document from each school with the name of young person taking part, their class, teacher's name, principal's name, and name of school will also be submitted to the archive. These documents will be locked in the archive for 20 years, and made available to researchers and visitors to the archive along with the young people's stories, following that time. We hope this will include the young people themselves as adults and maybe even a class trip from their school, in years to come when they are studying the Covid 19 pandemic. The schools will officially present their stories to Dublin City Lord Mayor on Wednesday 16th June 2021. The stories will then handed to the City Archives where they will be stored safely for future generations of Dubliners.

### **Iveagh Markets Folklore Project**

Following on from the Virtual reminiscence that took place in February of the Iveagh Markets, interviews and recordings over the phone of stories and memories will take place with stall holder's families, and members of the public in the coming months. As previously explained this project fell victim to Covid -19, as public meetings were unable to take place. As restrictions lift we hope to host a gathering to celebrate these recordings with participants and display their memorabilia of their experiences of the Iveagh Markets.

Dolphin House consultation with young people

Members of Dolphin House crèche, homework club and youth project met with DCC Play Development Officer recently, and look forward to her support consulting with the children and young people of Dolphin House. It's very positive to discuss something so important for the children living in the community.

COVID-19 Emergency Fund (2nd Round) – The assessment of Round 2 Covid 19 Emergency Funds has been completed total amount available to the SWIC area is €11,749.60.

### **Cycling Without Age**

The Community Development Team is currently exploring the possibility of introducing a pilot project to Dublin City Council Cycling Without Age.

Cycling Without Age is a sustainable, voluntary cycling initiative. Passengers do not pay and pilots do not get paid. With a Cycling Without Age trishaw, our less mobile citizens can become active again in the community.

We invite companies, organisations, Local Sports Partnerships, nursing/care homes and community units in Ireland to join us in getting people out into their neighbourhoods, having fun and the freedom to enjoy the fresh air on these specially-designed trishaw bicycles.

This project will be in collaboration with our Sports Development team in the Municipal Rowing centre, and Healthy Ireland

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### **Kilmainham Inchicore Network**

*Kilmainham Inchicore Tourism & Investment Strategy Feasibility Study:*

CHL Consulting continue their feasibility study concentrating on improving potential visitor experience through public realm improvement, linkages etc. between heritage sites in Kilmainham and Inchicore.

*Waterways Ireland – Grand Canal:*

Cycling access has been improved through access gates along the Grand Canal allowing bikes to move freely along the north side tow path between Blackhorse and Suir Road. This issue was highlighted and resolved through collaborations between Waterways Ireland and DCC South Central Office. Other issues such as lighting, ownership, benches, pollinator corridors, planting along the Grand Canal are to be considered.

*Activity and amenities along the Grand Canal – Feasibility Study*

DCC and Waterways Ireland are in the process of jointly commissioning a feasibility study to consider improvements to amenities and water based activities along the Grand Canal. This process is at an early stage but has the potential to improve tremendously access to water based activities in the underutilized resource that is the Grand Canal, while respecting the diverse flora and fauna bio diversity that exists.

### *Benches in Inchicore and Kilmainham*

A number of bench locations are being considered within the Inchicore and Kilmainham area to increase public realm and amenities within the area.

### *Royal Irish Academy Symposium: Better Together: Knowledge Co Production for a Sustainable Society 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2021*

KIN participated in this symposium as a project partner with Camac River Flood Restoration Project (Mary-Liz Walshe DCC) in a co-partner capacity. For more information:

<https://www.ria.ie/better-together-knowledge-co-production-sustainable-society>

### *DART + South West Public Consultation*

The consultation on the Emerging Preferred option is now live and will continue until 23<sup>rd</sup> June next. [www.dartplus.ie](http://www.dartplus.ie) includes an interactive virtual room and contains full details of the Emerging Preferred Option for this route. This preferred route runs adjacent to the mainline Heuston to Galway railway through Kilmainham & Inchicore with amendments to bridges & CIE Works.

## **Inchicore Regeneration**

The Part 8 for the demolition of the Health Centre and former Community Centre is on the agenda for the City Council meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> June, having been recommended for approval at the last meeting of the SC Area Committee. Meanwhile uses on the green space are being considered.

### *Outdoor Exhibition:*

Project architects, Bucholz McEvoy, display of their design proposals at an outdoor exhibition, located on the green across from Richmond Barracks in St. Michael's Estate, is now in situ. This exhibition will evolve over time with new panels installed as the design progresses to completion for planning. [www.emmetroad.ie](http://www.emmetroad.ie)

### *Inchicore Sports Centre – Community Access and Usage*

A third meeting with Aaron Callaghan, Manager of Inchicore Sports Centre, Denis Moran Supervisor and Donnchadh Clancy ICFE Principal will take place on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June, 4pm to discuss local group access and usage of Inchicore Sports Centre. This is being facilitated through IRCF. The Sports Centre will be open for full public usage from 7<sup>th</sup> June for the summer months. To utilize the space contact 01 222 8598.

### *Recycling Glass Bottle Bins outside St Michael's Community Centre*

These bins will be reinstated outside the St Michael's Community Centre railings by mid-June 2021.

## **Public Domain**

19 Three Tiered Planters have been placed at the following locations: Cornmarket, Dean St, Thomas St, Sarsfield Rd, Kilmainham, Inchicore, and Rialto. Hanging Baskets in Inchicore Village are in progress. The Weed Treatment Programme will be rolled out over the coming weeks in the area. Areas selected for treatment requires successive treatment over two year period to be effective in reducing new growth. Liffey Gaels, Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School, Mallin Ave, Rialto Environmental Group, Inchicore Environmental Group, and Canal Bio Diversity Group have been supplied with clean-up equipment and avail of community clean-up collections. Public Domain provided some lavender plants for the entrance to the Golden Bridge Industrial Estate. Flyers were distributed to houses in St Nicholas Place and

John Dillon Street advising residents of collection day and their obligations under the Waste Bye Laws. Bye Law compliance letters have been sent to residents of Margaret Kennedy Road. Pimlico Bye Law compliance is still ongoing.

### **Kilmainham Mill**

The enabling works (emergency stabilisation works) for Kilmainham Mill are scheduled to commence in the coming weeks. The programme is being revised in line with government guidelines. A six month construction period is anticipated, at which point the building will be dry and safe to access. This will provide the basis to progress the overall project towards completion.

Report from: -

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

## **BALLYFERMOT/DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA**

### **HOUSING PROJECTS**

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

71 Units

The Springvale site has reopened for construction work from 12<sup>th</sup> April. The timeline for completion of works is being reassessed because of the site closures.

#### **Cornamona Site**

61 Units

The Cornamona site has reopened for construction work from 12<sup>th</sup> April. The timeline for completion of works is being reassessed because of the site closures.

#### **Crumlin Road/Rafters Lane Site**

Part VIII approval given for the proposed demolition of the former Scoil Eanna and Funeral Home on lands bounded by Crumlin Road, Rafter's Road and Rafter's Lane, Crumlin, Dublin 12. The redevelopment of the site will be the subject of a separate Part VIII Planning application. The library development will be a separate development.

#### **Bluebell**

City Architects is awaiting a response regarding their Stage 1 submission to the DHLGH.

#### **Lissadell Maisonettes**

Refurbishment works are still ongoing on the vacant two-bed maisonettes and will be let under Choice Based Lettings.

## **Cherry Orchard Green, Development Lands**

This land is currently at clearance works stage and surveying for preparation for Part 8 planning submission.

There is a proposal to build 170 units on this site of Social and affordable homes.

## **Ballyfermot Civic Centre**

Discussions are ongoing with MABS regarding the relocation of their office space in the building. This is to facilitate the relocation of the café from the first floor to the ground floor to link with the upgrade of the civic park. It is likely that the HSE will be using the building for non covid vaccinations for about 5 weeks in the near future. DCC Staff working with Architects and Fire Officers regards safety of building before during and after office relocations.

## **Community Development Report**

### **Environmental Projects**

#### **Community Clean Ups**

The date for the next Street Clean is Saturday June 12<sup>th</sup>. Cherry Orchard Environmental Group will continue with their monthly clean ups on the last Saturday of every month from 10.30am – 11.30am.

Weekly and monthly Clean Ups continue in Drimnagh, Bluebell and Chapelizod.

8 Community Planters will be delivered to the Cherry Orchard are in the coming weeks to acknowledge the work of local residents in the monthly cleanups.

The Council has provided additional plants to the Ballyfermot Resource Centre and River View Court to enhance their outdoor areas.

#### **“Bloom in South Central”**

Over 11,000 flyers promoting “Bloom in South Central” have been distributed throughout the Area.

The members of Satsun Camera Club will photograph the winning gardens for an outdoor exhibition that will be unveiled on the railings of the Church of the Assumption, Ballyfermot on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> and at the Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Drimnagh on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>.

Winning Gardens will also be displayed in Chapelizod, Walkinstown and Cherry Orchard. Prizes for the event will be provided by the Ballyfermot Environmental Group.

#### **Bluebell Sensory Garden**

The City Council, Dublin 8 & Bluebell Parents Association for Autism and Bluebell Environmental Group are working to develop a sensory garden. The Group has identified a site, known as the “tomb” opposite Bernard Curtis House, which is notorious for illegal dumping. Together with a local horticulturist the Group hope to create a sensory garden and bring the area back to life.

The back drop to the garden will be a mural designed by the children supported by a professional artist. A launch and Family event will be arranged when the project is completed.

### Community Allotments

The Bluebell and Chapelizod allotment committees are up and running. The plot holders are already seeing the results of their hard work.

The council have recently added new water butts to the shed, replaced tap connections and cleared out the communal area which was overgrown in the Bluebell allotment. The Council has provided a second storage container and organised skips for the Chapelizod allotment. The Council has offered all plot holders a mini poly tunnel, which they can purchase at a reduced price from the area office.

### Community Participation

#### Community festivals

The Ballyfermot Festival will take place in October 2021

The Chapelizod Festival will take place during the first week of July.

Drimnagh festival Committee are working on a programme of events to be held later in the summer.

The Council will provide support to resident groups in Walkinstown, Bluebell and the Ring street area to organise suitable events during the summer.

#### Pop up Clown Fest

The City Council has booked the Dublin Circus Project, that are based in the Orchard Centre , to put on 24 outdoor clown shows during the month of July in open spaces throughout the area.

The Shows will take place informally in Parks, Playgrounds and Local Greens. The impromptu shows will not be advertised, but local Community Groups and Residents will be informed.

Social distancing measures will be adhered to.

#### Halloween 2021

The Ballyfermot Halloween Committee will hold its first meeting of 2021 On Wednesday June 16th

### Social Inclusion

#### Older People

The Outdoor Events organised during Bealtaine, despite the inclement weather, were very successful.

The Council propose to organise Outdoor Garden Parties and afternoon tea in the Older peoples complexes during August.

### Invitation to Afternoon Tea in the Mansion House

We are delighted to see several of our older people in Ballyfermot and Drimnagh groups has taken up the offer from the Lord Mayor Hazel Chu's request to Dublin's senior citizens community to attend for complementary outdoor Afternoon Tea in the Mansion House garden. This invitation is open for two daily events at 12 noon and again at 2pm each Monday to Thursday beginning on 17th May.

### Father Kitt Court Community Garden

The council is working with the Crumlin /Walkinstown Forum to upgrade the community garden in Father Kitt Court to provide the residents a comfortable and safe outdoor place to socialise and relax. The area will be cleared, re-pebbled and replanted. The Walkinstown Men's Shed will make new benches and planters to brighten the area.

### Community Gazebos

To support community events take place outdoors the City Council has purchased two Gazebos that can be used by Community Organisations. The Gazebos will be stored in the Ballyfermot Youth Service and Our Lady's Hall Drimnagh.

### Intergenerational Project

The Council has identified environmental projects to partner local youth and scout groups with sheltered housing complexes in the South Central Area.

The St John Bosco Youth Service are working on preparing and planting individual plant pots for distribution through the Mother McCauley Meals on Wheels.

The 139<sup>th</sup> Chapelizod Scouts will be participating in a hanging basket workshop to make baskets for the communal areas in the River View Court Complex.

Cherry Orchard Integrated Youth Services have been busy making window boxes and are due to complete a workshop on hanging baskets for delivery to Claddagh Court complex. Working in association with the Cherry Orchard Community Garden and WALK.

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### Orchard Centre Update.

Gradually an accordance to National Guidelines The Orchard Centre is reopening. Observing socially distant scenarios at all times we are delighted to welcome back Mica's Hairdressing, Dublin Circus, Elite Athletes from Cherry Orchard Boxing Club. In addition Local HSE young family group, Ballroom/Sequence Dancing Group, Local Baton Twirlers/Majorettes Group, Dublin Circus Project, Men's Music Shed

The Foodbank continues with up to 100 each Friday attending.

### WIFI4EU

As per previous report, this install shall begin very shortly and The Orchard Community Centre will become more modern in line with current trends.

Report from: -

**Dave O'Donovan,**  
**Acting Senior Executive Officer**  
**Ballyfermot/Drimnagh Local Electoral Area.**