



**Director of Services Report  
South Central Area Committee Meeting  
20<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

**SOUTH WEST INNER CITY ELECTORAL AREA**

**Public Realm & Capital Programmes**

**URDF-Supported Projects**

A number of our capital projects are being support-funded by the URDF including Meath Street, Newmarket and Dolphin's Barn public realm improvement schemes. In accordance with the Public Spending Code, Preliminary Business Cases (PBCs) must be prepared for these projects. External consultants have now been engaged to develop PBCs and the process is expected to be completed in the summer. This will allow for our various projects to advance to their next stage of delivery (subject to staff resources).

**Dolphin's Barn Interim Measures**

Draft designs have now been prepared and circulated to Elected Members. Some initial consultation with affected businesses and interested members of the public has taken place. Tender documents are currently being prepared ahead of a procurement process. The Area Office expects to deliver the first of the measures (street furniture) in summer. The permanent planted area at The Coombe Hospital will likely take longer to develop given the need for tree planting within season.

**Coombe Hospital**

Cycle lane separators have been installed along the front of the Hospital area to deter illegal parking on the footpaths. It is intended that some of the bollards on the footpath will in turn be replaced by street furniture including benches and planters. A request has also been made for cycle lane separators at Dean Street to improve cycle and pedestrian safety on the outbound lane.

**Francis Street Environmental Improvement Scheme**

Street works at the south end of Francis Street should largely be completed by end of April. This will include some initial tree planting. Work will then commence at the mid-point and continue up to Swifts Alley. The programme is currently behind schedule and a revised completion date of October is advised.

**Bridgefoot Street Park**

The new park at Bridgefoot Street will be officially opened by the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Cllr Alison Gilliland on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May. The new park includes a sculpted landscape, terraces, play areas, a community garden, a café unit and resource lockup, lush naturalistic planting and sculpture. The park is a flagship project of The Liberties Greening Strategy.

**Economic Development**

Applications are currently invited to the Shopfront Improvement Scheme 2022 covering SWIC. Contact [stephen.coyne@dublincity.ie](mailto:stephen.coyne@dublincity.ie) for more details.



We LOVE Markets is a new venture operating a 50-stall flea and craft market at The Digital Hub off Thomas Street. The inaugural market was in March and markets are now scheduled for Sunday 24th April and 22<sup>nd</sup> May. It is also hoped that a one-off twilight market will happen in tandem with the upcoming Culture Date With Dublin 8 festival. More: [www.welovemarketsdublin.ie](http://www.welovemarketsdublin.ie)

The Area Office is proud to have installed a new bee-hive on the roof of Eblana House. The hive is provided and cared for by Inner City Bee Project, a social enterprise that has been developed by Robert Emmet CDP. Our hive is part of a significant expansion of hives across the South West Inner City area by ICBP, assisted by The Digital Hub and SmartD8 Smart City District.

### **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	Q4 2022
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#### **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	Q4 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)

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

Emmet Road, D.8 (St. Michael's)	Design in progress. Lodge planning Q2 2022	2025
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#### **Tyrone Place D8. Regeneration.**

##### **Status:**

LA Housing- Regeneration 96 units Feasibility complete. Determine development options.

##### **School St.**

115 units Phase 1.

Stage 1 approval received from DHLGH Q3 2021 with queries. DCC are responding to departmental queries. Next stage is to procure and appoint design team.



### **Oliver Bond Regeneration.**

Stage 1 application submitted to DHLGH December 2021. 48 Units Phase 1. Next milestone to achieve Stage 1 approval.

### **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. DCC will progress the masterplan in conjunction with the Dolphin House Regeneration Board and the Dolphin House Community.  
Dolphin House 1B phase. Design team procurement process under way.

### **Donore Avenue-(former Saint Teresa's Gardens)**

LDA developing a planning application for 543 units (30% social 70% cost rental). Stage 1 application to be submitted to the DHLGH.

## **Community**

### **A Memory Gathering in the Tenters**

A Memory Gathering course will commence in the Timberyard in Cork Street on the 27<sup>th</sup> April. This course will run over a six week period and will focus on the life and times of families who have lived in the Tenters Housing Scheme since 1922. Older residents will be given an opportunity to have their own personal stories and those of their family members recorded for future generations to enjoy. These stories will be published in book form and will also form part of a local folklore exhibition.

### **A Centenary gift from Dublin City Council**

Over 120 families from the Tenters Housing Scheme have participated in DCC's Community Section Tree and Shrub planting initiative.

On Friday evening last, residents gathered in Oscar Square to collect their trees which included **Pear's, Apple's and Victoria Plum trees** in addition to a wide variety of pollinator friendly Shrubs. Residents were delighted to receive their centenary gift from DCC and are looking forward to harvesting their various fruits for many years to come.

### **Tenters Trail**

The Tenters History Trail took place on Saturday last. It was a delight to see so many families take to the streets with their history questionnaire's in hand as they searched for answers to the well thought out clues.

On completion of the trail each family received a certificate which was signed by a local resident who recently celebrated her **100<sup>th</sup> Birthday**. They also received a special commemorative badge depicting the lovely 1922 red brick wall plaques which feature on the Tenters houses. This was followed by a neighbourhood gathering and picnic in Oscar Square Park.

### **Weavers Welcome Norwegian Students**

On Tuesday last a group of Norwegian students gathered in the Timberyard in Cork Street to participate in '**A Weave Time**' Workshop with the Liberties Weavers.

The Students who are studying Folk Crafts were delighted to learn about the fascinating history of weaving and textiles in the liberties and to see the revival of this ancient craft. Each student got to work on the looms and produce their own personal art piece.



### **An Taisce National Spring Clean**

As part of An Taisce's Spring Clean month Rialto Environment Group are organising a Clean Up / Social event.

Date: Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Meeting Place: Outside the Boulangerie.

Time: 11am

Areas covered: **Rialto Village, The Linear Park, and the Grand Canal Bank from Herberton Bridge to Suir Bridge.** Refreshment will be served afterwards.

### **Trishaw Update**

Trishaw Pilot Volunteer Training has commenced and will be ongoing over the next few weeks.

The Trishaw Bikes have now been relocated to the underground car park in Memorial Court. (Many thanks to Tony Smithers and Debby Gould for assisting with this)

Memorial Court is an ideal location for storage due to its proximity to the National War Memorial Gardens.

It is hoped that residents from the nearby sheltered housing schemes including Memorial Court, Bulfin Court, Robinson's Court, local nursing homes, St John of Gods Centre etc. will avail of this wonderful outdoor activity in the coming weeks. (Organised by Community Section in association with Sports & Wellbeing Partnership.

### **Kilmainham Inchicore Network** - meeting 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 5.30pm

#### Inchicore Village Improvements

Footpath reinstatement has taken place in Inchicore Village on the south side of Emmet Road and along Tyrconnell Road. An inventory of street signage and fixtures has been requested for Inchicore Village.

#### Grattan Crescent Playground Upgrade

The playground at Grattan Crescent Park will be upgraded, this work will be carried out in Spring 2022.

#### Spring Bulb and Tree planting

DCC Parks have planted wildflowers, perineal pollinator plants and fruit trees at Devoy Road ("the Pitch") and at St Michael's Estate site in the coming weeks. Consideration is being given to potential sites for large tree planting.

#### Shop Front Improvement Scheme 2022

The 2022 scheme is now open to all neighbourhood retail shops in the Kilmainham and Inchicore area. For more information [Shopfront Improvement Scheme 2022](#), deadline end of May 2022.

#### KIN Strategic Planning Process

KIN is over 5 years in existence and reviewing, evaluating and planning for the future. This strategic process will be ongoing for the next few months.

#### Liffey Gaels/ East Timor Park Master Plan:

Alastair Ferrar, Cunnane Stratton Reynolds Consultant has almost completed a Master Plan for Liffey Gaels Park on behalf of DCC.



**Grand Canal - Activation and Animation of Grand Canal between Portobello and Kylemore Road:**

Irish Leisure Consultants (ILC) have been asked by Dublin City Council and Waterways Ireland to identify the potential recreational Activation and Animation measures along the Grand Canal between Portobello and the Kylemore Bridge. They have consulted with local organisations, individuals and agencies regarding the current and potential future recreational use of the canal, and from this are in the process of identifying appropriate approaches and best practice. A draft discussion document will be circulated shortly for public feedback.

**Fairs at Richmond Barracks**

KIN, in partnership with DSCP and DCCCC, are collaborating to organise 4 fairs at Richmond Barracks over the next year. The first fair will take place 28<sup>th</sup> /29<sup>th</sup> May and the theme is Recycle/Upcycle/Reuse. KIN will organise workshops with an educational/developmental learning aspect encouraging local community engagement. More information to follow. The other fairs planned are a Harvest Fair in September 2022, Christmas Fair November 2022 and Spring Fair Feb 2023. More information to follow.

**Inchicore Regeneration Consultative Forum** – meeting 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 1pm

Phase Three of Emmet Road Public Consultation in Richmond Barracks completed.  
[www.emmetroad.ie](http://www.emmetroad.ie) for information

*Outdoor Exhibition/ Website:*

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

**IRCF Subcommittees:**

***Meanwhile Activities and Community Building Subcommittee (MACb)***– MACb.10 and 11 on 16.3.22 and 5.4.22 exploring opportunities for 2022 in terms of meanwhile activities and community building projects as part of a strategic planning process (building trust, shared experiences/memories). Samhain Event Review underway, book of learnings as well as planning for next year in progress. Engaged with KIN re 4 Fairs at Richmond Barracks.

***Self-Management of Community Facilities***

IRCF and relevant stakeholders considering DCC SCA invitation (15th Feb 2022) to consider leading out on management/ governance /future running of community facilities on ERD. To consider a proposal we need to understand the Design/ Functioning/ Management/ Programming.

Meeting held in Richmond Barracks with BMCEA Integrated Design team (30.3.22) to review Concept Design of Community Hub with request for community feedback. Response from relevant stakeholders in progress.

***Childcare in Lower Inchicore*** –

The DSCP Draft Report, considering future childcare needs in lower Inchicore, has presented at the March IRCF meeting. All childcare providers in lower Inchicore area have engaged in the research process. It is due to be presented at the DCC SCA Committee Meeting in the coming months.



### **Public Domain**

The Dublin Community Clean will take place Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022. The campaign will be officially launched on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022. See link for contact information to arrange for equipment and collection of clean-up bags. An Taisce provide insurance for groups registered with Spring Clean Campaign see both links below. Any Groups seeking support may contact Public Domain Office at [southcentralpublicdomain@dublincity.ie](mailto:southcentralpublicdomain@dublincity.ie)  
<http://www.teamdublincleanup.ie/>    <https://nationalspringclean.org/registration/>

Public Domain intensive cleaning completed in the Maryland Estate: Loreto Rd, Our lady's Road, Lourdes Road, Our Lady's Close & Avenue, Maria Road were given a deep Spring Clean. Graffiti has been removed from: Carmans Hall, Francis Street, Thomas Street James Street, Cornmarket, High Street, The Coombe, Timberyard, Cork Street, Reuben Street, Rialto & Dolphins Barn Bridges, Merchants Quay, Ushers Quay, Thomas Street, Catherine's Lane. Basin Street Flats and environs.

Call out for submissions of artwork commenced April 13<sup>th</sup> for Dublin Canvas Project. Deadline May 13<sup>th</sup> with selections and art works to follow through the Summer. A minimum 14 sites identified for art works with a maximum 16 Traffic Signal boxes for the South Central Area. Further information [www.dublincanvas.com](http://www.dublincanvas.com)

### **Kilmainham Mill**

Currently awaiting approval from Corporate Project Support Office (CPSO) to proceed with appointment of construction team to carry out the enabling work. No issues expected. Work should commence in May/June 2022.

### **Islandbridge**

The construction of a pontoon that would sit below the weir at Islandbridge is currently being explored. This would allow for safe rowing access from the rowing clubs to the eastern Liffey.

The stretch of river is home to over 13 rowing clubs and is the only accessible area for rowing in Dublin. The pontoon will ease congestion on that part of the river and animate the eastern section of the Liffey towards Ringsend.

Further consultation will take place for this once a preliminary design is complete.

### **Bruce Phillips,**

**Senior Executive Officer**

**South West Inner City Local Electoral Area.**



## **BALLYFERMOT/DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA**

### **Housing**

#### **Cornamona**

Work is continuing with the fit out in progress along with the landscaping. The likely completion date is late Quarter 4.

#### **Springvale**

The work on this development is advancing with the scaffolding removed from 2 blocks at this stage.

#### **Canal Bridge Apartments Kylemore Road /Bluebell.**

The contractor is still on site and the landscaping has begun. These units will be managed by Respond Housing Association and let through the choice based letting scheme. The development consists of 12no. 1 bedroom units, 32no. 2 bedroom units and 8no. 3 bedroom units. The name of the development is Canal Bridge, Bluebell Avenue, Dublin 12

#### **Sons of Devine Providence**

A meeting of the working group took place on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> April with progress on resolving outstanding issues between Dublin City Council and the Sons of Devine Providence being reported.

### **Drimnagh**

#### **Lissadel Maisonettes**

A door to door survey of maintenance issues has been carried out and the contractor is still onsite fitting out the remaining voids for allocation.

#### **Davitt House**

A number of units have recently been reallocated under the choice based letting scheme. Work is continuing on the remaining units.

### **Bluebell**

#### **Bernard Curtis House**

The DCC paint squad is still on site and the painting of the blocks is progressing

#### **Labre Park**

Labre Park (including Kylemore Grove) is being redeveloped as part of the Travellers Accommodation Programme. The decanting of Labre Park is ongoing with a number of families moved out. The Ballyfermot Area Office is working closely with the decanting team. Cluid Housing will take responsibility of the management of it upon completion.



## **Community**

### **Community Festivals**

Community Development staff are attending meetings with the 4 local Festival Committees to provide support and assistance in organising a programme of events over the summer.

Chapelizod Festival will take place this year during the first week in July. The Council is supporting the voluntary Festival Committee with funding and organising a dog show on Belgrove Green, An evening of light opera and an environmental walk along the Liffey with Éanna Ni Lamhna.

Drimnagh Festival will take place on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> June. The main event will be the family fun day in Brickfield Park and a dog show on Carrow Road Green.

Ballyfermot/Cherry Orchard Festival will take place from June 24<sup>th</sup> until July 9<sup>th</sup> and will be launched by the Lord Mayor on Tuesday June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM in the Ballyfermot Civic Centre.

Walkinstown will have their first festival which takes place on Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> of September in Walkinstown Park. The Council are supporting the new committee which has been formed.

### **Cruinniú**

Cruinniú Na nÓg will take place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> of June 2022.

The Ballyfermot Youth Organisations working together as “Unsung Youth“ received funding to host events. The Council is working with the youth groups to organise singing and dancing workshops, support young people to make a short film and stage and set design workshops, all of which will be showcased at the Unsung Youth concert and wellbeing fair that will be held in the Ballyfermot Civic Centre on Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **Bealtaine**

The Council are working with the local youth groups to organise planting of the communal areas in some of the sheltered housing complexes during May.

The Council is supporting Together FM to set up a monthly film club in the civic centre. The first event will take place on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May @ 11.00am, the Ballyfermot Civic Centre and will be hosted by Dr. Megan McGurk and her talk on “Sass Mouth Dames: When Women Ruled The Big Screen” along with a screening of the 1933 film “Hold Your Man”. Further films will take place in June and July.

### **Halloween 2022**

The First planning meeting for Ballyfermot Halloween Festival 2022 will take place on Tuesday May 10<sup>th</sup> in the Ballyfermot Civic Centre at 12:00 Noon.

## **Environment**

### **Plant Sales**

The annual community plant sales will take place during the month of May in 5 locations across the area. The bedding plants have been cultivated in the Cherry Orchard community garden and will be sold at a subsidised prices.





The sales will take place as follows:

Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30 AM	Bluebell Allotments
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	6.00 PM	Bunting Park, Walkinstown
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30 AM	Our Lady's Hall, Drimnagh
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	6.00 PM	Laurence's Grove, Chapelizod
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	11.00 AM	Ballyfermot Civic Centre



The Council will also be distributing bedding plants to our sheltered housing complexes and is supporting youth groups in the south central area to carry out environmental enhancements in sheltered housing in Ballyfermot and Chapelizod.

### Team Dublin Clean Up – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April

All Environmental groups and residents associations have been notified about the Team Dublin Clean Up which takes place on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April.

Register with An Taisce at: <https://nationalspringclean.org/register-for-the-national-spring-clean/>

### Jim Mitchell Park Environmental Group

The Jim Mitchell Park Environmental Group has received an additional 4no. blue planters from the Council and the group are making window boxes for residents. The group are very active organising regular community clean ups.

### Sunflower Project

The council has provided Sunflower seeds to encourage the students in the two local primary schools that attended the environmental talks in the Allotments, to grow sunflowers to welcome the Ukrainian refugee children to Ireland. The national flower of Ukraine is the sunflower.

### Walk Vouchers

The council has supported all the local environmental groups by presenting them with a voucher for the Walkinstown Green Social Enterprises Garden Centre to purchase perennial bee friendly plants. This will encourage groups to shop local and support the businesses in their area.

### Chapelizod allotments

The council has supported the Chapelizod allotments with discretionary funding to enhance the site and has organised a site visit from the water framework office to get advice on water conservation. The water engineers have supplied equipment for the project.

### Make Walkinstown Great

The newly formed Walkinstown Environmental Group is officially up and running. A committee has been formed and the group has been working with the council on the welcome signs for Walkinstown and 12 blue planters which will be delivered in April.



Their next clean-up is on Saturday the 23th of April at 11am.  
[www.makewalkinstowngreat.ie](http://www.makewalkinstowngreat.ie)

## **Social Inclusion**

### **Community Grants**

The Community Grants for 2021 have all been paid with 55 local voluntary Organisations receiving funding.

### **Ballyfermot Dementia Choir**

The Dementia Choir has been temporarily suspended due to HSE reluctance to send groups into public settings. We hope to relaunch the project on Thursday May 5<sup>th</sup>, which is National Alzheimer's Tea Day.

### **Cherry Blossoms 2022**

The programme for Cherry Blossoms was launched by The Lord Mayor of Dublin Alison Gilliland on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at the Cherry Orchard Equine Centre. Information on the events has been distributed to every house in Cherry Orchard and feedback has been very positive.

The full programme of free events can be viewed on:

<https://www.dublincity.ie/sites/default/files/2022-03/cherry-blossom.pdf>



### **Walkinstown Senior Citizens Choir**

The Council has established the Walkinstown Community Choir, targeting older people for a monthly singing class and sing along. The choir will take place the first Tuesday of the month at 10:30am, the Walkinstown Green Social Enterprises Centre (behind the Green Kitchen).

The Community Development staff contact details for Ballyfermot /Drimnagh area are:

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### **Cherry Orchard Development**

Cherry Orchard Development Group (CODG) has welcomed all local Councillors to the group in line with redrafting Making Cherry Orchard Better Plan 2017-22. The new draft is currently being edited and will be issued to all relevant agencies when finalised.

### **Croftwood Traffic Measures**

The Council is working with residents and the traffic engineers to identify solutions to the problem of joyriding in the area.

### **Orchard Community Centre**

The centre has been supporting the Orchard Blossom's Festival throughout the month of April.

The Lord Mayor will be officially opening the Cherry Orchard Boxing Club on April 28<sup>th</sup>. The event is invitation only.

### **Public Domain**

Public Domain Deep Clean completed in Cherry Orchard to coincide with Cherry Blossoms Festival. Cherry Orchard Avenue, Croftwood Park, Cherry Orchard Crescent, Parade, Park Elmdale Park and Blackditch Road treated.

Intensive clean of shopping area completed at La Touche Road, Bluebell. Ballyfermot Road shopping areas and Claddagh Green Shopping areas are currently being surveyed and will be completed late April/early May. Traffic Median Drimnagh Road at Bank of Ireland near junction with Balfe Road will have further intensive cleaning with weed treatment to follow from May onwards.

The Sustainable Gardening Course took place in the Cherry Orchard Community Garden over the past two weekends and was well supported by local residents and allotment holders.

Report from: -

**Alan Sherry,**

**Senior Executive Officer**

**Ballyfermot/Drimnagh Local Electoral Area.**