

**The Chairman and Members of
North West Area Committee.**

Meeting: 17th May 2022

Item No: 6

St Canice's Graveyard, Finglas

Conservation Management Plan Update

The Community Monuments Fund grant-aided the preparation of a Conservation Management Plan for St. Canice's Graveyard to research and assess the history, cultural significance, and current condition of St Canice's Graveyard. The plan is a non-statutory technical guidance document outlining an appropriate management strategy for the site. A key function of the plan is to enable Dublin City Council to make applications to the Community Monuments Fund for essential conservation repair works. The Conservation Management plan was circulated to the NWAC in May and is available in digital form on the City Council website via the following link

<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/planning/archaeology-conservation-heritage/archaeology/community-monuments-fund-2022>.

Conservation Works 2022

A grant application for €85,000 was awarded to the project for specific conservation works with conditions by the Community Monuments Fund 2022 (Stream 1). Notification of success was received on 19 April 2022. This grant will fund priority repair capital works to the medieval church ruins, which are at risk.

A consultant Conservation Architect and Conservation Engineer have been appointed by the Parks Department to design and oversee the works and to carry out a structural survey of the high cross. The specialist team met on site and are in the process of preparing a conservation works tender package in order to appoint a Conservation Contractor. The timing of conservation works will be dependent on the Contractor's programming. Any conservation works to the boundary wall and mortuary monuments will depend on availability of additional monies.

Access protocols for those working in the graveyard will continue to be communicated to all City Council agents and to local stakeholders by the Local Area Office and should be followed by all concerned for health and safety reasons.

Live Project Updates

- An ecological survey of the graveyard is underway.
- Dublin City Council's Survey and Mapping team completed a laser scan of the church and boundary walls.
- The Project Team will host a workshop on the best practice maintenance of historical burial places, to assist the community in safeguarding of the site. The workshop details are being scoped by a Conservation Consultant.

Next Steps

Appointment of specialist Contractor to undertake conservation works over the summer of 2022 for drawdown of grant funding in November.

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