



**Director of Services Report
South Central Area Committee Meeting
18th May 2022**

SOUTH WEST INNER CITY ELECTORAL AREA

Public Realm & Capital Programmes

Update to Members as a separate item.

Parks Services have advised of two upcoming on-line consultations on Phase II works at **St James's Linear Park** (area from Fatima to Basin Lane). The consultations will take place on 19th & 23rd May.

Economic Development

Pear Tree Crossing: The Land Development Agency (LDA) is currently seeking the views of the public and stakeholders for the redevelopment of the Digital Hub and adjoining lands either side of Thomas Street. Provisionally known as Pear Tree Crossing, the proposal is to develop a mix of uses on c 3.7ha site including housing, work and community spaces. More details at www.peartreecrossing.ie.

Guinness Quarter: Diageo and Ballymore have released further details of a planned redevelopment of the former St James's Gate Brewery at James Street on foot of a stakeholder engagement in recent months. The announcement includes details of housing types (including partnering with The Iveagh Trust on social and affordable provision), planned community/cultural spaces, public space and connections and commercial developments. A masterplan is currently being finalised and the first planning applications for the development are expected later this year.

Housing Updates SWIC.

Bonham St .Dublin 8. Volumetric Build

57 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

55 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



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 Dublin 8. Regeneration.

A review of the development options for the regeneration of Tyrone Place is currently being undertaken by Housing Management, the Local Area Office and City Architects. All are cognisant that redevelopment options will need to take into consideration the large social and cost rental housing scheme that is planned for the adjacent site at Emmet Road.

School Street

DCC received Stage 1 approval from the DHLGH for the regeneration of School Street and Thomas Court Bawn. As part of the Stage 1 conditions, further studies have been carried out on the feasibility study to examine retrofit opportunities.

The new options are due to be costed shortly and submitted to the DHLGH.

Upon approval, the commencement of the procurement of an integrated design team for the redevelopment project will begin.

Oliver Bond Regeneration.

DCC have received Stage 1 project approval from the DHLGH for the first phase of the regeneration of Oliver Bond, which is for the redevelopment of Blocks L, M and N. We also received funding for a Community Development Worker to be appointed to the Oliver Bond regeneration project.

DCC City Architects and Housing Regeneration staff are currently reviewing queries received as part of our Stage 1 project approval to seek project budget approval.

Dolphin House Regeneration Masterplan Dublin 8.

The Dolphin House Regeneration Masterplan approved on the 4th 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 1B.

Stage 1 project and funding approval has been received for the construction of approximately 25 new homes.

Design development is progressing and community consultation on the proposals are proposed to take place shortly.

It is anticipated to start the Part 8 process in early Q4 2022.

Donore Avenue-(former Saint Teresa's Gardens)

This project will provide for the delivery of approximately 543 homes in a collaboration between Dublin City Council and the Land Development Agency, under a working title 'Donore Project'

28% of the homes provided will be for social housing and 72% for cost rental housing.

The breakdown of the social homes include:

41% 1 bed which 50% will be available for Older Person Accommodation



48% 2bed
11% 3 Bed

There is ongoing public consultation with local elected representatives, S.T.G. Regeneration Board and neighbours

A Part 10 planning application is due for lodgement late Q2 2022.

Community

The Area Office and partnering national cultural institutions in Dublin 8 are hosting **A Culture Date With Dublin 8** on 14th & 15th May. A programme of events was unveiled by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland in April. The festival includes over 30 free events across 15 locations. More details at www.culturedatewithdublin8.ie

The Area Office has also supported the development of a new **Attractions Passport** to encourage visits to national cultural attractions and sights in the area. The passport accompanies a new Cultural Map for Dublin 8 developed by www.culturedatewithdublin8.ie.

A new Community Garden group is in place at **Bridgefoot Street Park**. The group held open days on 14th & 15th May to encourage new members to join the group. It is intended that the group and other local stakeholders will meet regularly with Parks Services and Area Office staff to foster wider community involvement in the management of the new park.

Community Environmental Projects

A number of Community Environmental Projects are underway throughout the Liberties area in preparation for this year's City Neighbourhood Competition.

A variety of plants including summer bedding, pollinator friendly perennials and shrubs will be delivered to various residents groups and complexes over the course of the next two weeks to include:

Basin Lane, West Court, Garden View Court, Michael Mallin House, St Margarets Terrace, Bridgefoot Street, Robert Emmet Walk, Oliver Bond, The Timber Yard, Mary Land, Memorial Court, St Johns Road Kilmainham, Thornton Heights. Ceannt Fort.

Hanging Baskets for Vincent Street West

In a joint initiative between Housing, Community Development and Public Domain, 50 residents from Vincent Street West will participate in a Floral Hanging Basket project on 26th June.

As part of an overall environmental enhancement initiative, residents will plant up their own floral displays at a number of workshops with environmentalist Aoife Munn.



Ceannts Fort Centenary Celebrations

Community Development are assisting the residents committee in Ceannt Fort with a number of initiatives for this year's Centenary Celebrations including talks, outings, installation of Street Name History Banners, Children's Art Projects and other celebratory events.

Summer Projects

Community Development are supporting a number of local voluntary and non-voluntary Summer projects within the liberties area including; Bridgefoot Street, Michael Mallin House, School Street Family Resource, & the Solas Project.

Swift in the Tenters

As part of the Tenters centenary celebrations, a number of swift conservation projects are now underway. Swifts are very much a part of the local heritage but unfortunately their numbers are in serious decline. In line with Dublin City Council's biodiversity plan efforts have been made to reverse this trend with the installation of swift nest boxes.

Grow Dublin 8

The Dublin 8 Consortium came about in 2019 to support and develop the social enterprise sector in Dublin 8. The first Newsletter of the Grow D8 Consortium can be viewed at [The Liberties Dublin](#)

Kilmainham Inchicore Network - meeting 23rd May 2022 at 5.30 p.m.

Community Guards

Sergeant Pat Culhane attended the April KIN meeting. He outlined what resources and services the community Gardaí offer in the area. A discussion was had about recent anti-social behaviour in the area. It was agreed that a letter of support from KIN will be sent to Garda Senior Management to highlight the need for more Garda resources in our neighbourhoods. It was noted that 999 is the best phone number to call in order to report incidents.

Grattan Crescent Playground Upgrade

The playground at Grattan Crescent Park upgrade will commence the week of 16th May and take 6 weeks to be completed, the playground will be closed during this time. Dublin City Council have engaged a contractor Kompan Ltd to carry out the upgrading works. The design proposal prepared by Kompan responded to DCC's Design Brief with consideration of input, ideas and comments provided through a community consultation process. *The design proposals were available to view at consultation meeting which took place onsite at Grattan Crescent Playground on Thursday 5th May between 2.00 and 4.00 p.m.* The new playground will be ready for the summertime.

Summer planting

Luby Road triangular green space, Myra Close and Patriot's Path have been planted up with wildflowers and perineal pollinator plants. The tree planters along Emmet Road are soon to be spruced up with more perineal pollinator plants.



Shop Front Improvement Scheme 2022

The 2022 scheme is still 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. As part of this process a leaflet is being prepared for circulation to local households outlining the work of KIN, encouraging greater engagement in planning and attending events. Information will be shared on developments, organisations and services in our area.

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 28th /29th 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 23rd May 2022 at 1pm

Phase Three of Emmet Road Public Consultation in Richmond Barracks is completed. The ERD project manager informed the IRCF that this was the last phase of public consultation before the planning application is lodged to An Bord Pleanála. The statutory public consultation as part of the planning process with ABP will follow. See 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 has been updated.



IRCF Subcommittees:

Meanwhile Activities and Community Building Subcommittee (MACb) – MACb.12 on 4.5.22 discussed educational workshop options for the Reuse/Recycle/Upcycle Fair at Richmond Barracks 28th and 29th May. Local schools have been offered the opportunity to engage in the process and have workshops in their schools in advance of the fair with the potential to showcase their work at the Fair. Other informative/educational workshops/talks will include DCCs Climate Action Plan; Home Energy Saving Kit, Report on food sharing/redistribution project - Smart D8, Sustainable Living and Creative workshops. Proposals with regard to youth meanwhile use of the former St Michael's Estate site was discussed with further work in progress. All part of the process to encourage community engagement and meanwhile activities, as well as building community leadership, capacity, trust through shared experiences/memories. Samhain Event Review underway, book of learnings as well as planning for next year in progress.

Self Management of Community Facilities

Letter sent to DCC ERD PM and DCC SWIC Area Manager from IRCF and relevant stakeholders addressing next steps with regard to (a) DCC SCA invitation (15th Feb 2022) to consider leading out on management/ governance /future running of community facilities on ERD (b) feedback on Community Hub Concept Design (initial feedback as well as requirements in order to complete feedback) (c) request for response to IRCF Civic and Community Space Position Paper sent to DCC June 2021. Awaiting response to letter.

Childcare in Lower Inchicore – next meeting 12th May 2022

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 now due to be presented at the DCC SCA Committee Meeting in June 2022.

INVITATION: A reflection on the experience and learning of Regeneration Boards / Forums in Dublin 8, 10 and 12.

Date for your Diary! **9.30am – 1.15 pm - Wednesday, 25th May 2022**, F2 Centre, Rialto

This event, hosted by stakeholders from Regeneration Boards/Forums and facilitated by CAN, will be a closed dialogue where we will bring together representatives of all stakeholders – Dublin City Council tenants, community, residential and enterprise organisations, Dublin City Council senior personnel, elected representatives, statutory representatives from the Gardaí and HSE and Independent Chairs. We will reflect on the operation and processes of Regeneration Boards/Forums over many years. Through dialogue we will identify their contribution to regeneration, learn from how they are working and create new direction for the future for those present and for new Boards/Forums. The methodology for the dialogue will encourage different stakeholders to sit, think and talk together in a way that respects everyone's right to be heard and challenges assumptions. All elected representatives are welcome to attend. Please email aoife.hannan@dublincity.ie

Public Domain

- The Bridgefoot St. Park opened 4th May. Waste Management and Parks are meeting with Public Domain on site to discuss litter management & provision of public bins. Interim arrangements are in place



- 223 Sq M graffiti removed from James Street.
- Team Dublin Clean up took place on Sat 30th April Inchicore Environmental Group Cleaned the Liffey Walk from Memorial Gardens and joined with Chapelizod Tidy from St Laurences Road entrance. Rialto Environmental Group cleaned the linear park from Herberton to Suir Rd Bridge. Many groups are engaged in regular clean-ups in their local areas.
- Public Domain has resourced 61 Clean-ups over the past month. Any groups in need of equipment or to request a collection can contact us Mon-Fri at southcentralpublicdomain@dublincity.ie .
- Environmental collaborative Initiatives: Hanging Baskets - Emmet Crescent, Myra Close & Luby Road - Wild flower Planting.
- Mountshannon Lane Rialto Clearance- Public Domain arranged for a contractor to complete a once-off clean-up Friday 13th May
- Borris Court & Emerald Terrace sites clean-up arranged next week.
- Intensive Cleaning: Hanover Arch Walkway from Hanover Lane to Patrick Street completed; Merchants Quay will be completed this week.
- Waste Bye Law Compliance campaign in litter hotspots Donore Avenue, James Walk and Vincent Street West.
- Public Domain & West Management working together on pilot enforcement campaign to address dog fouling in reported hotspots commencing end of month.

Kilmainham Mill

The deadline for the receipt of Tenders for the stabilisation works at Kilmainham Mill has now passed and all tenders received have been evaluated. DCC intend entering into a contract with the preferred bidder shortly and works will commence on site in late June or early July. The works include the repair and replacement of roofs, the propping of collapsed floors, removal of all asbestos, protection of mill machinery, the sealing of window with mesh and the repair of rainwater goods. Some newer concrete structures will also be removed. The works will take approx. 6 months to complete. DCC will maintain contact with local stakeholders throughout the process of these essential works, which will provide DCC with full and safe access to the Mill complex for the first time.

Report from: -

Bruce Phillips,
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South West Inner City Local Electoral Area.



BALLYFERMOT/DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA

Housing

Cornamona

Work is continuing with the interior fit out underway, the anticipated completion date remains Q4, 2022.

Springvale

The Building Control Section has carried out an inspection of the site. If any works required affect the anticipated completion date of November, 2022 the members will be updated.

Canal Bridge Apartments Kylemore Road /Bluebell

The apartments were advertised through choice based lettings on Friday 22nd April with a closing date of Tuesday 3rd May 2022. There was a very strong response and all applications are currently being processed by the Council's Allocations team.

Lissadel Maisonettes

The contractor are still onsite fitting out the remaining voids for re-letting and a number of units have recently been reallocated under the Choice Based Letting Scheme.

Bernard Curtis House

The repainting of the units is continuing.

Cherry Orchard Choice Base Letting.

There were nearly 50 CBL applications for 1no. 3 bedroom house available in Cherry Orchard estate recently.

Labre Park

Labre Park (including Kylemore Grove) is being redeveloped as part of the Travellers Accommodation Programme. The decanting of the site is continuing.

Park West Apartments

These units will be managed by Tuath approved housing body and consists of 2no. blocks. Block 70, 43 Units – 13no. 1 bedroom units and 30no. 2 Bedroom units, Block 72 consists of 41 units – 19no. 1 Bedroom units and 22no. 2 Bedroom units.

Sons of Divine Providence

The Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage are currently reviewing the information submitted by the Council in support of the stage 1 application. It is hoped to have feedback from the department within the next few weeks.



Community

Community Participation

Bealtaine Events



The Council and Ballyfermot Together FM have organised the screening of “Sass Mouth Dames: When Women Ruled The Big Screen” along with a screening of the 1933 film “Hold Your Man” on Tuesday 31st May @ 11.00am, in the Ballyfermot Civic Centre as a Bealtaine event.

An interactive talk entitled “Down Memory Lane”, about the tenements, will take place in the Annamore Complex on Tuesday 17th May.

The Council has organised an afternoon Tea Dance to celebrate the Bealtaine festival. The event will take place in Our Lady’s Hall on

Tuesday the 31st of May at 2:30PM.

Cruinniú

Cruinniú Na nÓg will take place on Saturday 11th of June.

The City Council is supporting Ballyfermot Youth Organisations working together as “Unsung Youth” to hold a Youth Day Concert and Wellbeing Fair in the Ballyfermot Civic Centre on June 11th starting at 2:00PM.

Cruinniú funding is in place to support singing, dance, film and design work shops that will take place during the month of June to support and nurture the talent of local young people.

Community Festivals

The City Council is actively supporting Community Festivals in Drimnagh, Ballyfermot, Chapelizod and Walkinstown. The Council is providing financial support in addition to organising 4 Dog Shows, Opera in the Park in Drimnagh and Ballyfermot, Community Nature Walks and Community Play Days.

Drimnagh Dog Show

The first Community Dog Show of the year will take place in Brickfield Park in Drimnagh on Sunday the 12th of June at 12 noon. Registration opens at 10:30. This event is organised jointly by City Council Public Domain and Community Section teams.

Drimnagh Summer Fest 2022

The Drimnagh Summer Festival takes place in Brickfield Park on Saturday the 11th of June between 1pm and 5pm and surrounding areas on Sunday the 12th of June. Details of the schedule on: [Drimnagh Festival \(@DrimnaghF\) / Twitter](#) and [Drimnagh Summer Festival / Facebook](#)

Halloween

The City Council encourages, through funding and support, Youth and Community Organisations to organise family friendly events over the Halloween period.

The Ballyfermot Halloween festival is well established and will hold its first meeting on Tuesday May 12th to plan for this year’s festival.



The Council hopes to establish a Halloween committee in Bluebell and has organised a meeting of all groups to take place on Friday the 27st of May at noon in the Bluebell Community Sports Centre.

The City Council will support the Drimnagh Community to organise similar events in Brickfield Park.

Social Inclusion

The Community Centre's Investment Fund

A €15 million capital fund to support community groups in the upgrade and refurbishment of community centres has been announced by the Department of Rural and Community Development. The Community Centre's Investment Fund will support community groups with the upgrade and development of their community centre facilities. Funding will be available under 3 Categories with grants of between €10k and €300K There will be a two-stage application process with applicants asked to register their organisation in advance of the formal application process going live.

Registration will open on Tuesday 3rd May 2022, applicants need to register as 'users' on the portal in advance of the application process opening on Tuesday 7th June 2022. The closing date for applications is Thursday 14th July 2022. Guidelines and a sample application form are now available at www.gov.ie/drcd.

Ukrainian Refugees

Community Groups and Resident Committees from Walkinstown, Drimnagh and Chapelizod have been proactive in organising information and events to show support and welcome Ukrainian citizens. Resident groups are printing information sheets and organising open mornings in community centres in the area.

Walkinstown Library will host an open evening on Wednesday the 8th of June at 6:00PM with local community leaders and guest speakers. Information packs will be available on the night.

Ballyfermot Dementia Singing Group

After a slow start the Thursday afternoon Dementia singing group relaunched with great numbers attending on Thursday May 5th. The group targets older people, particularly those with dementia and takes place every Thursday in the Ballyfermot Resource Centre at 2:15PM.

The City Council are working with the LGBTQ + Group from Familibase to develop programmes for young people in the area. The group will host information stands at Cruinniú 22 and organise events for PRIDE later in the month.

Environment

Plant Sales

The annual Community Plant Sales took place in 5 locations. The sales were very successful, particularly Bluebell where the plant sale took place in the allotments. Plants were also provided to the senior citizens complexes and local voluntary committees.



Seed Sharing Station

The council has supported The Drimnagh Community Environmental Group's project which encourages the public to plant indigenous species of wild plants in the local area. The first seed exchange station will be located in Our Ladys Hall, Mourne Road, Drimnagh towards the end of May.

Community Allotments

The Council carried out a quarterly inspection of the Allotments in Bluebell and Chapelizod. Allotments that are not being tended have been identified and the plot holders asked to maintain or hand back their plot as there is a waiting list for both areas.

The Council will work closely with the new committee that has been elected in Bluebell to improve the overall appearance of the allotments.

Both allotment groups are installing seating.

Inchicore planters

The City Council has installed four additional blue planters in Inchicore in addition to the eight planters installed last year. The community has adopted the planters and will maintain them. The locations of the new planters are on the canal end of Tyrconnell Road outside the local shops.

Ring Street, Inchicore Flower Box Project



The Inchicore Environmental Group received funding from the Community Development section to work with the Mendicity Institute to purchase 30 of their hand made flower boxes for distribution around the Ring Street area of Inchicore.

The flower boxes were filled with flowers to brighten up the external window spaces.

Rejuvenation of a waste area on Bunting Road

The Council is working with local Resident Groups to reclaim a piece of waste land at the end of Bunting Road opposite the Kestrel Pub, known for illegal dumping. Walkinstown Residents Association and Make Walkinstown Great Again are working on an innovative plan to turn this eyesore into a community space which caters for bio-diversity.

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

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Cherry Orchard

This was the first year of the Cherry Blossoms Festival and the Orchard Community Centre was heavily involved in planning the festival activities and running a number of events in the Centre during April.



There were 2 community cycling events on Sunday's 3rd and 10th April, the first around Ballyfermot and Cherry Orchard area and the second along the Grand Canal way. It is hoped that local people will continue to meet every Sunday outside the centre at 11.00am to cycle along the canal as an informal group. DCC will support a cycling group in any way possible.

The centre hosted an open day for all service providers in the area on Monday 25th April. Over 30 groups attended and set up stalls to inform stakeholders about the work they do.

On Wednesday 27th April the centre staged an open day for the ladies dancing group. The event was free and included tea/coffee/biscuits afterwards and of course a chat.

Dublin Circus Project held an open day on 16th April aimed at introducing local children and teenagers to the activities of the Circus Project. The event was very well attended.

Dublin Circus Project & Family Group collaborated on an event that introduced circus activities to young children and their parents. The aim is to help children develop early life and social skills, along with developmental growth. It was a huge success and will continue as a partnership between the centre, DCC, DCP and the Family Group.

The center's other activities are continuing with hundreds of people coming through the doors on a daily basis.

The official opening of Cherry Orchard Boxing Club took place on Thursday 28th April and was attended by a huge number of well-wishers and supporters.





Public Domain

- Team Dublin Community Clean-up was very successful despite poor weather conditions on Saturday 30th April. Groups that participated in the South Central Area included Tidy Drimnagh, Bluebell Environmental and Chapelizod Tidy, who partnered with Inchicore Environmental Group to litter pick the Liffey Walk.
- The City Neighbourhoods application form has been sent to all groups on contact list for the area. The closing date is May 27th. There will be a South Central Awards ceremony in September with the overall winners invited to the City awards in Croke Park Oct 6th
- Intensive Cleaning: Bluebell Shopping Area Cleaned-La Touche Road, The Traffic Island at Bank of Ireland, Drimnagh Rd Junction St Mary's Road due for treatment this week to prepare for Three Tiered Planter placement June Bank holiday weekend. Ballyfermot shopping areas, traffic islands and modular paving surveyed for treatments end of May.

Report from: -

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