



**Director of Services Report
South Central Area Committee Meeting
18th January, 2023**



SOUTH WEST INNER CITY ELECTORAL AREA

Housing

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

Planning Lodged 5th October, 2022

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.

Emmet Crescent Gate Lodge

We are engaging a contractor to clean out the property and install structural reinforcement. The planning and design process for the refurbishment will then commence.

Basin Street

New residents committee has been established and first meeting with DCC was held 10th January 2023. The Area office and Basin Street PPP Project team will be meeting in person with the Residents Committee on 9th February to update them on the proposed redevelopment of Basin Street complex

Oliver Bond Regeneration.

Tree Pruning

Works are continuing on the tree pruning in the complex. New Holly trees for the planters surrounding the football pitch have now been planted.

Bollards

Bollards to deter traffic using the complex as a short cut have now been installed, we are awaiting new signage "No through road" at entrance of O Block.

A new key box is to be installed at the Caretakers lock up which will hold the key for the Bollards to allow emergency response access.

Residents Committee

We are meeting with the residents committee on a regular basis, communication between all is going well and issues are being addressed.

Bonham St .Dublin 8. Volumetric Build - 57 Units

26 x 1 bed

26 x 2 bed

5 x 3 bed

Current Estimated Completion of Scheme Q2 2023

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

Trevor can be contacted @ 087 2925013 trevor.martyn@dublincity.ie



Dolphin House Regeneration Masterplan Dublin 8.

Masterplan

The Dolphin House Regeneration Masterplan approved on the 4th Feb 2021 by the Dolphin House Regeneration Board. We are progressing the masterplan in conjunction with the Dolphin House Regeneration Board and the Dolphin House Community.

Housing Delivery Manager

The new Housing Delivery Project Manager for Dolphin House is Connell McGlynn.

Demolition

The Contractors MCB had hoped to be off site by Christmas 2022 but this has been delayed and they have informed us they will off site early February 2023 latest.

New Blocks

New courtyard doors for blocks C and D have now been installed and working well.

Interim Playground Facilities

Works commenced on the Dolphin House playground facilities 3rd January 2023 and are continuing, following installation of the playground additional surface works will be carried out in due course. These works require dry, mild weather for optimum results.

Painting of railings

Still ongoing, Canal railings first. Painting of stairwells in old blocks underway.

Donore Avenue - (former Saint Teresa's Gardens)

Donore Forum

Community Centre - The tender process is complete and the successful tender for the design services for the Building Repair Works at Donore Avenue Youth & Community Centre was from Cotter & Naessens Architects. The manager's order has been drawn up to appoint the successful design team. The final design package to be confirmed and will follow.

The works to be carried out are to reinstate the building to its previous condition with no alterations either internally or to the external fabric of the building, and to be compliant with current regulations.

St Teresas Garden site

Illegal dumping ongoing, measures are being taken to alleviate this unsightly issue, increased illegal dumping signage to be erected and the boundary of the railings will be extended.

Margaret Kennedy Road/Court

CCTV upgrades ongoing.



Herberton 39 units Part 5

A contractor has been assigned to this complex and works have commenced to bring these units up to fire and safety standard regulations.

Meeting with DCC and local Councilors took place 19th December 2022 regarding the delay in allocation the units.

Works on CCTV upgrade to commence shortly.

Coombe Court

Resurfacing works are ongoing here, and on completion of these works we will be introducing permit parking

Ash Grove

Tree pruning was carried out and works complete, painting program due for 2023.

Weaver Park

Weaver Park playground has been made safe, is certified and reopened before Christmas.

Community Development

Following on from an extremely busy Festive Season throughout the area, the South West Inner City Community Development team (Helen Burke & Lois Salmon) are currently liaising with all local groups and organisations with a view to reviewing last year's activities and drawing up an exciting calendar of events for the coming year.

To include: Culture, Arts, Music, Heritage, Recreation, Social Inclusion, Youth Activities, Senior Citizens and Environmental Activities.

Our First Cultural event for the year will take place in The Robert Emmet Community Centre with a performance of The Galway Girl on 25th January at 6.30pm.

Plans for our annual **Love Your Heart** event in Rialto are also underway in addition to our popular afternoon tea dances.



Public Domain

- Area Survey completed on street furniture Pimlico Green, Thomas Street, James Street, Cornmarket High Street, Nicholas Street, Dean Street, Rialto Village & Dolphins Barn. A Painting programme and intensive stain & gum removal to follow at these locations.
- Graffiti Removal requests carried over from 2022 for Inchicore village, Thomas Street and Bridgefoot Street now completed. Graffiti Programme for 2023 has begun locations treated: Thomas Street, Hanover Arch, School Street, Steevens Lane/James Street, Augustine Street, Carmans Hall.
- Waste management (storage, presentation and segregation of household and commercial waste) bye-laws 2018 compliance programme in progress Margaret Kennedy Road and Wesley Place.

Report from: -

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



BALLYFERMOT/DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA

Housing

Cornamona

The end of Quarter 1, 2023 continues to be the anticipated date for handover of the completed units.

Springvale

There is no change at this stage to the anticipated completion date of mid-2023.

Lissadel Maisonettes

Work is ongoing preparing a stage 1 application to the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage with an anticipated submission date of Quarter 1, 2023 while the insulation works are being carried out.

Bernard Curtis House

The repainting of the units is continuing.

Labre Park

The stage 2 application was submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage in December 2022. The application consists of 11 new build houses, refurbishment of 15 existing units, the extension & refurbishment of 4 existing units & the construction of a community building.

Hillside Manor

The units are still being finished out and the successful housing applicants have been notified by Dublin City Council.

Sons of Divine Providence

Interaction with the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage is ongoing while work is continuing in relation to the aim of submitting a stage 2 application in Quarter 1, 2023.

Slievebloom Court, Drimnagh.

Slievebloom Court consist of 24 units - 16 Duplex (8 Three bedrooms and 8 two bedrooms) and an apartment block with 8 Units (4 Three Bedroom and 4 two bedroom). They were advertised on CBL and there are over three hundred applications already. Slievebloom Court will be managed By DCC

Bluebell

The Land Development Agency is continuing to carry out site investigation works.



Claddagh Court

The common room and windows were professionally cleaned during the Christmas period

Rafters Road

Work is continuing in relation to queries raised by the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage as part of the stage 2 application.

Christmas Dinners for DCC Tenants in the DCC Older Person Units.

The area office' liaisons officers organised the delivery of 80 Dinners to the Older Persons complexes on Christmas Day. The dinners came from The Order of Knights of St. Columbanus in the RDS and were collected and delivered By the Civil Defence.

Voids

There are 38 voids at present 15 of these are houses, 8 are older person units and the rest are apartments, maisonettes or flats, some of the void houses are from tenants moving to smaller units.

Community

Community Participation

During this month the Community Development staff will renew contact with voluntary community organisations in the area to encourage them to start the planning needed to organise community festivals for 2023. Council staff will support the groups with their fundraising, programmes and event plans. We will endeavour to organise events that pool resources and avoid additional costs.

The Cherry Blossoms Festival will go ahead in April, with the other festivals taking place over the summer months.

Funding allocated from the 2022 community grants has been distributed to most of the groups by now and staff are working with groups that have not received their funding to submit current banking details.

Following the success of the Council's Autumn/Winter age friendly programme the Council plans to host a spring programme consisting of tea dances, line dancing, chair yoga, bingo and film shows which will be held in the Ballyfermot Civic Centre, Walkinstown Library and Moeran Hall. We start off the programme with a Valentin's Day tea dance in the Ballyfermot Civic Centre on the 14th of February at 2:00 PM.

Local Heritage Groups

The City Council will support the two heritage groups to develop their plans in 2023.



The Drimnagh History Group are planning to create a historical walking trail map for the Drimnagh area and the Ballyfermot Heritage Group are working on signage and a way of marking sites of historical interest in the area.

Environment

The Chapelizod and Bluebell Allotments are thriving and have a healthy waiting list for 2023. The plots are inspected on a quarterly basis to ensure they are being used. The Allotment Committees are encouraging seed sharing, water harvesting and upcycling initiatives for 2023.

Community Street Clean-Ups

Great credit is due to the local Environmental Groups that have continued their community clean ups over the Christmas period. Tidy Drimnagh, Make Walkinstown Great, Bluebell Environmental Group, Inchicore Environmental Group and Ballyfermot groups are out most weeks. We are currently working with South Central Public Domain to restock the equipment required for the clean-up groups and will be in contact with those who have requested assistance.

The City Council are working with the groups to get the blue planters cleaned and replanted for summer 2023

Social Inclusion

In 2023 the Council will promote inclusion using a strengths based approach that ensures that inclusion occurs in all our work, to purposefully forge friendships and build community using environmental, sporting and community events as a tool of engagement. An example of inclusion towards building community was the Polish, Spanish and French Christmas carol singing at the Bluebell tree lighting ceremony. The Council will work with community groups to support and encourage inclusion.

Intercultural Awareness Course

Working in partnership with the CDETB Adult Education Service, The Bungalow and St Ultan's, we will be running an accredited QQI level 3 course in the Bungalow starting at the end of January 2023. The course is titled: Intercultural Awareness – where learners get to look at and learn about Irish culture and look at the cultures of other people who live in the area. The aim would be to encourage people to come together to celebrate their differences and similarities.

The City Council were delighted to work with the Partnership to deliver 400 care packs to older people in the Ballyfermot Area before Christmas. The Council prepared 2000 Winter Information sheets which were distributed throughout the area.



Are you ready for the winter?

Stay safe and warm in Bluebell, Drinnagh and Malinstown

Stay safe and warm in Ballyfermot and Cherry Orchard

Local Emergency Numbers

Helpline Numbers

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The Council continues to support the Ballyfermot dementia friendly singing sessions which are held every Thursday in the Ballyfermot Resource Centre at 2:00PM. The group is looking for members from the community, specifically those in the early stages of dementia.

Orchard Community Centre

The Orchard Community Centre has some groups back from the 3rd January, however most return week beginning Monday 9th January. This year we are introducing some new activities in January including;

Yoga Classes, Start date 11th January.

Change 4 Life Programme, Start date last week in January.

Walking Football, Start date TBC, hopefully end of January.

Late in 2022 we also started indoor bowling for retired and older people on Tuesday mornings and we hope to grow this group in 2023. Currently, around 16 people attend each Tuesday who all really enjoy the activity.





Other activities the centre can offer the community are;

Parent & Toddler Groups, Baby Massage Classes, Healthy Eating Classes, Ballroom Dancing Classes, Men's Music Shed Group, Fitness Classes, Gymnastics Club, Irish Dancing, Boxing Club, Meditation Group, Baton Twirlers Group, Dublin Circus Project, Running Club, Indoor Bowling, St. Ultans School, V.D.P. Food Bank, Our Hearts Youth Group, Afterschool Football Coaching, Yoga, Hair Salon & Holistic Hub.

Public Domain

- Cherry Orchard public domain survey conducted to identify programme of minor works for the area including paving, landscaping & painting to improve local environment.
- Cherry Orchard Footbridge improvement works by Irish Rail to commence February 13th. Members will be notified in due course.
- Ballyfermot, Bluebell, Walkinstown & Drimnagh survey in progress to identify minor works programme
- Waste management (storage, presentation and segregation of household and commercial waste) bye-laws 2018 compliance programme in progress Huband Road, Kylemore Road, Landen Road.
- Graffiti removal at Kylemore Bridge, Bluebell and Tyrconnell Rd/Naas Rd Bridges

Report from: -

Alan Sherry,
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Ballyfermot/Drimnagh Local Electoral Area.