

**Housing, Community & Emergency Services Department
South East Area Office**

**To the Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee**

Report of the Director of Services, South City

April meeting date

The South East Area Committee meetings are held on the second Monday of every month, excluding August, when there is no meeting. As the second Monday in April, i.e. the 13th is Easter Monday this year, an alternative meeting date is required. This is for discussion at the January meeting.

Housing Projects and Local Area Improvements

Grand Canal Sub Group

The latest meeting of the Grand Canal Sub-committee was held on 29th October 2019. A letter was sent to Waterways Ireland (WI) on 12th September on foot of a motion from South East Area Committee seeking a meeting to propose a new format for interaction with Dublin City Council. Reply was received on 15th October 2019 from John McDonough, Acting Chief Executive. A further motion was brought before the November South East Area Committee. It was agreed to seek a meeting with John McKeown, Eastern Regional Office, WI, to discuss ongoing management and maintenance of the canals in the city and to agree a new structure for interaction between Waterways Ireland and Dublin City Council. This meeting has been arranged for 11am on Thursday 16th January 2020 at the Waterways Ireland Interpretative Centre at Grand Canal Dock.

Portobello Harbour Square

An initial meeting was held with City Architects Department on 17th October to examine an outline brief for the proposed redesign of Portobello Harbour Square, bearing in mind the new hotel development on the site which has recently commenced. It was agreed that timeline for hotel completion should be established and redesign process for the public realm to follow soon after. Contact has been made with architects for the developer and works to develop the hotel will run from February 2020 to August 2021. In the meantime, various small scale improvements will be introduced to improve the public realm.

Rathgar Village Improvement Plan (VIP)

The redesign of Herzog Park is the final element of the Rathgar VIP to be undertaken. The Nature Play Area was officially opened by the Lord Mayor on 13th September 2018. Works to construct the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) on the site of the bowling green are now complete and park landscaping has been carried out. The MUGA is rostered for use by local schools and will then be offered to other groups in the area. Works to re-align the bring centre are complete and it reopened to the public in mid-August 2019. The redrawing of the park boundary and its treatment along with the re-alignment of the car park area is the final phase of the Herzog Park project. Roads Construction and Design have costed the car park works now and it is proposed to seek to carry out these works in early 2020, subject to funding being available.

Ranelagh Gardens Park

The installation of new park benches has now been completed. Works to light / enhance the main entrance archway will be considered for 2020 subject to funding.

Ringsend Irishtown Local Environment Improvement Plan (LEIP)

The Ringsend Irishtown Local Environment Improvement Plan (LEIP) was adopted at the June 2017 South East Area Committee meeting. It is now proposed to prepare planning applications under Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, for the redesign of (1) Library Square and (2) Cambridge Road.

Library Square: (Mitchell & Associates) Meetings with internal stakeholders were held during September and October 2018. A meeting was held with local businesses to discuss parking / loading arrangements on 5th December 2018. A presentation was made to area councillors on 13th February 2019 and a preliminary draft design was brought to a public meeting for all stakeholders on Thursday 21st March 2019 in the Ringsend Irishtown Community Centre (RICC). Following a period of consultation up to 19th April 2019, submissions were received and have been reviewed by the project team. A revised design was brought before the Public Realm Working Group on 22nd October 2019. A meeting of all internal stakeholders was held on 28th November 2019 and further meetings will be required with key departments before design can be finalised. Following that Councillors will be briefed and a second public information meeting will be held before commencing Part 8 process.

Cambridge Road: (Redscape Architects) An initial public workshop in relation to Cambridge Road was held on Thursday 30th August 2018 in the RICC (Ringsend Irishtown Community Centre). Meetings with internal stakeholders took place in September and October and designs were drafted based on consultations which were brought to a second public workshop / meeting on 28th November 2018. Further information is required in relation to road design and drainage requirements for the proposal. Further discussions have recently taken place with the Road Design & Construction, Environment & Transportation Department, and they have confirmed that will take on the completion of the Cambridge Road project to Part 8 during the first half of 2020.

Rosary Park

It is necessary to carry out remedial works for the recently acquired premises at Rosary Road. Consultants Kenneth Hennessey Architects have been engaged to determine and coordinate the full extent of works required on site. A drone survey has been carried out and it is anticipated that the topographical survey will be concluded shortly also.

An on-site meeting will be arranged early January between Consultant Architect, Dublin City Council Architect and Area Manager.

The lease is being progressed by our Valuers' Section.

It is anticipated that works could cost in the region of €200,000 including mechanical works, fire safety works, lift replacement and structural works.

Pearse Memorial Park Crèche

A meeting took place with the crèche manager on the 6th of December. Our Finance Department requires certain proofs are in place before proceeding with setting up a Capital Cost Centre. The crèche have reserve funding themselves a €50,000 grant from Pobal and, €25,000 from discretionary funding and are seeking a loan from Clan Credo in the region of €150,000 in order to proceed. This will need to be approved by the board. It is anticipated that the building will cost €300,000.

The works have been tendered by our Parks & Landscape Services Division and will be project managed by Bernard Brady in that section. A separate hurling wall project has been tendered by Parks and will be paid for by them.

A further licence extension of another five years was agreed at the December South East Area Committee meeting and will go before the January Council Meeting.

Harold's Cross Age Friendly Village

A draft report has now been submitted by the Harold's Cross Village Community Council (HCVCC) in conjunction with Rob Chester and has been forwarded to Councillors for consideration. A meeting will be arranged for January with the Councillors and HCVCC to agree how to progress the plan and agree a term of reference etc.

The Health Services Executive (HSE) has been contacted and the local Gardaí will also be invited with our Age Friendly Manager.

It is anticipated that the Harold's Cross 'Age Friendly' Village Implementation Team will operate for a period of not less than twelve and not more than thirty months. The team may be formed of two local residents, a designated member of the Harold's Cross Village Council, local public representatives, an official of the HSE and members of Dublin City Council including the Age Friendly Programme Manager, the Area Community Officer and Area Manager for the Kimmage – Rathmines Local Electoral Area (LEA). The Implementation Team will decide on policies and procedures for all aspects of delivery of the plan and will meet no fewer than six times per year. The team will be free to invite specialised assistance as required to join the group on an 'ad hoc' basis where this is necessary to deliver aspects of the plan or other agreed initiatives. The allocation of funding can be considered at the discretionary fund meetings in the New Year."

Grove Road CCTV

The installation of the CCTV is almost complete. We have now received permission from An Garda Síochána to install an aerial on the mast at Crumlin Garda Station which will allow direct transmission of CCTV footage from Grove Road flats to Crumlin Area Office. It is now expected that the CCTV system will be fully functioning shortly after the vetting of relevant personnel carrying out the works in the Garda Station.

Armagh Road Senior Citizens' Complex (FOLD VHA)

Following a delay the first 16 units are now almost complete and they will be fully occupied by the end of January. FOLD VHA (voluntary housing association) are now in the process of interviewing nominees for the next two blocks which are due to be ready shortly. These blocks will provide another 33 one bed Senior Citizens units.

Raleigh Square Senior Citizens' Complex (Tuath VHA)

There is a further delay with works and it is now likely the 33 units will be ready for occupation in early 2020. Snagging is currently being undertaken and the utilities are connected.

Rafters Lane Senior Citizens' Complex (Circle VHA)

The complex has now been completed and is fully allocated though not fully occupied. The complex will now be managed by Circle. Tenants moved in before Christmas to some of the units. Full occupation will have taken place by the end of the month. It is hoped to arrange fobs for the residents of Lisadell Court to enable them to use the gate onto the main road.

Mount Argus

13 General Needs units are scheduled to be completed by the end of January. These comprise of 4 x 1 beds, 8 x 2 beds and 1 x 3 beds. These units will be managed by the Iveagh Trust VHA.

Sundrive Mews, (Cluid VHA)

Cluid VHA have acquired 9 newly built units at Sundrive Mews, off Sundrive Road. There are 3 x 3 storey duplexes (comprising 3 x 2 bed apartments and 3 x 1 bed ground floor apartments) and 3 x 2 bed townhouses. The units are complete and are in the process of being allocated.

Stannaway Court

The insulation and upgrading works have now been completed. The complex is currently being painted. Housing Maintenance are proactively working on a number of void properties. Refurbishment works were completed in three units in December

Cabbage Patch

Parks Department is currently appointing a company to assist with drawing up the specification for the refurbished football pitch, to prepare tenders and then to adjudicate on the tenders received.

Peter's Place

In the December SEAC Area Manager's Report we advised that we are considering minor works at Peter's Place to deal with anti-social behaviour at this location. Hope to progress this in the New Year.

Bedford Lane / Fleet Street

An environmental mural has been completed at the ESB building fronting onto Fleet Street. This was completed in conjunction with the Temple Bar Company, Environment & Transportation Department and the South East Area Office.

Garda Youth Awards Ceremony

The Garda Youth Awards Ceremony will be held in City Hall on the evening of the 6th February 2020 – further details yet to be confirmed. Councillors will be notified as soon as arrangements are in place.

Markievicz House

Work progressing slowly - communication with residents continues.

St. Andrew's Court 1 – 16 - Demolition and Rebuild

Relocation of residents continues.

Community Development

Kimmage - Rathmines Local Electoral Area Community Team

The team supported thirty community events for all ages across the area for the Christmas period. Major tree lighting events took place in Terenure (30/11) and Crumlin (4/12) which had the largest recorded attendance for the event since it started. We are very grateful to Fr. Tony O'Shaughnessy and the Parish Council for permission to hold the Crumlin event in the grounds of St. Agnes Church due to safety concerns. Unfortunately, the tree lighting event in Harold's Cross Park (23/11) had to be cancelled due to the adverse weather and the conditions underfoot which were treacherous. Going ahead would have compromised the safety of event personnel and the public.

The support and co-operation of members of An Garda Síochána from Crumlin and Terenure Garda Stations is acknowledged, it would not be possible to run our major events without their assistance.

The first ever New Year's Day Park Run was held in Brickfield Park on the 1st of January, a large crowd took part and we envisage this will become an annual event.

Our Community Team Plan for 2020 is currently being collated, however given the reduction in funding available through the Discretionary Fund it is unlikely we can support major community initiatives, festivals or projects as per previous years. However, we will endeavour to support groups, voluntary service providers and other worthwhile local activities as much as possible within the agreed budget framework and staff resource.

Community Grants

All community development completed for 2020. Grants are presently in process of administration, to be prepared for discussion with South East Area Committee and Dublin City Council.

Community Development Plan 2020

Full plan of activities for the year being developed and planned.

Vibrant Villages Greening Projects & Tidy Towns

Identifying and confirming projects for 2020.

Plans for spring connections.

Tidy Towns: Meetings starting in January.

Vibrant Villages Walking Trails and Maps

Ongoing weekly walks ongoing in January.

Age Friendly Cities

Plan of activities and development for older persons being developed for 2020. Older Persons' Council meeting due end of January. Reviewing activities in older persons' complexes and connection with Liaison Officers.

Allotments

All allotments currently being renewed and lapsed leases allocated to new people on list. Improvement of infrastructure for allotments.

Weekly Activities:

Every Monday from 11am - 1.30pm – **Verschoye Pottery Club** at Verschoye Court Community Room.

Every Monday from 2 - 4.30pm – **Verschoye Art Group** at Verschoye Court Community Room.

Every Tuesday at 11am – **Dance for Life** dance classes for older people at the Evergreen Centre, Terenure.

Every Tuesday at 2pm – **Let's Walk & Talk** walking group, meeting outside the Barge Pub, Charlemont Street.

Every Wednesday from 11.30am - 12.30pm – **Chair Yoga** at Beech Hill Court, Donnybrook.

Every Wednesday at 2pm – **Let's Walk & Talk in Spanish** walking group, meeting at Kildare Place, Kildare Street.

Every Wednesday at 2.30pm – **Knitting Circle** at Verschoye Court Community Room.

Every Thursday at 10am – **Parent & Toddlers Group** at the Evergreen Centre, Terenure.

Every Thursday at 12pm - **Autism Support Group Event** at the Hope Centre.

Every Thursday at 2pm – **Let's Walk & Talk** walking group, meeting at Sandymount Green.

Every Thursday from 3 - 5pm – **Knitting Circle** at Beech Hill Court, Donnybrook.

Every Friday at 11am – **Let's Walk & Talk as Gaeilge** walking group, meeting at Meeting House Square, Temple Bar.

Every Friday at 2pm – **Let's Walk & Talk in French** walking group, meeting at Kildare Place, Kildare Street.

Every Saturday at 10am – **Parent & Toddlers Group** at the Evergreen Centre, Terenure.

Every Saturday from 11 - 4pm – **Bushy Park Market**.

Every Saturday at 2pm – **Let's Walk & Talk** walking group, meeting at the car park of the Dropping Well Pub, Milltown.

Waste Management / Environmental Services

The Public Domain Unit coordinated and supported the Waste Management Service's deep clean of Ashfield / Mornington / Northbrook areas in Ranelagh.

Door to door enquiries on domestic waste disposal arrangements completed. 3,500 properties visited around the Portobello / South Circular Road area. 70% response rate to date. Data to be assessed for further action.

Graffiti

Ongoing removal using PMac / Waste Management Services and letters to property owners to have graffiti removed from private properties.

Grafstop trial

Sites identified and quotes received for Grafstop trial locations.

- i. Grove Road in Rathmines (Spar Shop). Problems with the condition of brickwork will prevent this site being used at the moment. New site to be identified January 2020.
- ii. Stamer Stress address was also selected for the trial. However upon inspection it has been advised that walls will darken with the application of Grafstop. This may discourage the property owner from taking part in the trial. The owner will be consulted and advised of the impact of the sealant. If he is happy to proceed we will apply the Grafstop (subject to waiver being signed).

Abandoned Bike Removal

33 Bikes removed in December 2019. Total for 2019 (March – December): 382 abandoned bikes removed.

Weed Control

New tender currently being prepared by Road Maintenance.

Traffic cones

Several complaints have been received from residents in city centre areas where traffic cones are being placed on public roads to preserve parking spaces. It is proposed to remove these obstructions from the public roadways and footpaths in the South East Area.

Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership

The Lord Mayor's 5-Alive Challenge 2020

Lord Mayor of Dublin, Paul McAuliffe has announced the 8th year of the Lord Mayor's 5-Alive Challenge! The 5-Alive Challenge encourages people to make a commitment to improve their health and fitness by taking part in some of the great road races held around Dublin.

Every year the challenge aims to inspire people to take up regular exercise and find the encouragement to stick to what may be a New Year's Resolution through to the end of March and beyond.

Over 450 participants have signed up for 2020 and are supported by our wonderful team of mentors who had completed the challenge in previous years. The mentors run every race alongside the participants pacing and encourage those who are struggling giving the 5-Alive experience a unique feeling of camaraderie.

In previous years we've found that participants have gone on to join local athletics clubs and have continued with a regular active and healthy regime.

"I am a beginner runner and am looking forward to taking on this challenge and improve my physical fitness with other 5-Alivers. I really believe in the benefits of regular exercise on both my physical and mental health. So many people have told me how previous 5-Alive Challenges kick started them to take up a regime of regular exercise and the difference it has made to their lives."

Paul McAuliffe, Lord Mayor of Dublin

The remaining races which form the Lord Mayor's 5 Alive Challenge 2020 are:

| 5 Alive 2019 | RACES |
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| Sunday 26 th Jan. 2020 | AXA Raheny Shamrock 5 Mile. 3pm in Raheny. |
| Saturday 1 st Feb. 2020 | Garda / BHAA 2 Mile & 4 Mile Cross Country Race. 11am and 11.30am in the Phoenix Park. |
| Sunday 15 th March 2020 | Metro St. Brigid's St. Patrick's Festival 5K. 12pm in the City Centre. Start on St. Stephen's Green. |
| Saturday 28 th March 2020 | Dublin City Council / BHAA 4 Mile Road Race. 11am in St. Anne's Park, Raheny. |

Change for Life 2020

Change for Life is an eight week programme that aims to improve the health of local communities through a partnership approach designed to support people to become more physically active on a regular basis and adopt a healthier diet. The programme runs in tandem with the RTE Operation Transformation TV show starting in January and concluding in March.

The programme was first developed in 2013 when a partnership was developed between Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership, Fatima Groups United, Health Promotion & Improvement, HSE Dublin Mid-Leinster and Dolphin Health Project. This partnership identified a need to tackle the issues of obesity and low physical activity levels in a new and innovative way.

While weight loss has always been considered an important aspect of the programme Change for Life also aims to address other health indicators that could be improved through participation such as aerobic fitness, body fat percentage and blood pressure. Improving the psychological well-being of participants was also considered an important outcome of the programme. Following planning and consultation meetings between the partners it was decided to run a diverse health and fitness programme aimed at having a positive impact on the overall health and wellbeing of the participants.

The programme will provide fitness assessments, a 5K timed walk (repeated at week 8) and nutritional / dietary advice across 24 locations in the city. Independent nutritionists will also deliver a series of talks on healthy eating habits and dietary information such as portion size and calorie counting. Weekly weigh-ins to assess progress will also be provided. In 2019 the programme extended its reach when for the first time children and minority groups were invited to take part. The programme continues to grow this year with the inclusion of a Dublin City Council staff Change for Life initiative.

The following Change for Life Programmes are planned for the South East Area in 2020:

- **Programme:** Change for Life Harold's Cross
Dates / Times: 13th January – 13th March (Mondays) at 8.30am

Location: Harold's Cross National School

Partners: Home School Liaison

- **Programme:** Change for Life Terenure
Dates / Times: 13th January – 13th March (Mondays / Wednesdays / Thursdays) at 6.30pm
Location: Evergreen Centre Terenure
- **Programme:** Change for Life Charlemont Street
Dates / Times: 13th January – 13th March (Tuesdays / Thursdays) at 7pm
Location: Charlemont Street Centre

DCSWP Core Programmes January 2020

Below are details of highlight core programmes during the next period. For full details please contact Dee O'Boyle in the DCSWP office at 222 5433 / sports@dublincity.ie

Couch to Parkrun (CORE) – Underactive Adults

The January Couch to Parkrun programme continues over the period and takes place on the grounds of St. Vincent's Hospital:

- **Programme:** Couch to Parkrun St. Vincent's Hospital (targeted at St. Vincent's Hospital)
Dates / Times: Tuesdays 5.30 – 6.30pm

Forever Fit (CORE) – Older Adults

The Forever Fit Programme is aimed at older adults and focuses on activities to improve balance, increase mobility, strength, coordination and prevent falls.

Details of Forever Fit programmes running in the South East Area during the next period are outlined below:

- **Programme:** Chair Fit, Mount Drummond
Dates / Times: Mondays 7pm – 8pm
Location: Mount Drummond Sheltered Housing Complex, Harold's Cross
Participants: Older Adults 55+ years
- **Programme:** Chair Yoga Beech Hill
Dates / Times: Wednesdays 11.30am – 12pm
Location: Beech Hill Court, Donnybrook
Participants: Older Adults 55+ years
- **Programme:** Dance For Life
Dates / Times: Tuesdays 11am – 12pm
Location: Evergreen Centre, Terenure
Participants: Mixed Older Adults 55+ years

Go for Life – Older Adults

The Go for Life Games involve three sports that can be played in singles, pairs and teams:

Lobbers - adaption of Petanque and Boules

Flisk - adaption of Frisbee and Horseshoe Pitching

Scidil - adaption of Ten-Pin Bowling and Skittles

- **Programme:** Rathmines Men's Shed Introduction to Go For Life
Dates / Times: Mondays at 8pm
Location: Trinity Church Hall, Rathmines
Participants: Male Adults

General Programmes January 2020

- **Programme:** Men on the Move
Dates / Times: Tuesdays / Thursdays 7 - 8pm
Location: St. Joseph's Hall, Terenure (Tuesdays) Evergreen Centre, Terenure (Thursdays)
Participants: Male - all ages.
Partners: HSE Health Promotion Officer
- **Programme:** After-school programme
Dates / Times: Wednesdays 5 - 6pm
Location: Charlemont Street Community Centre
Participants: Mixed Primary School Children

Co-funded DCSWP Programmes January – February 2020

A full report on all co-funded programmes will be included in the February report. For any queries please contact the DCSWP Office at (01) 222 5433.

Boxing Development Officer Update

The **Startbox** Initiative, a partnership between the Irish Amateur Boxing Association (IABA) and Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership will be recommencing during the school year. The programme is an ideal way for young people (10 – 17 years) to first engage with amateur boxing, Ireland's most successful Olympic sport. It is delivered by our five dedicated IABA / DCSWP Development Officers via local schools (primary and transition year level) in communities across the Dublin City area. Approximately 2,000 young people take part each year in the programme.

The programme is structured into Bronze (non-contact), Silver and Gold phases. The first phase focuses on general strength and fitness, method and technique. The Silver Programme consists of higher intensity sessions and limited contact and the Gold phase takes it on to another level again.

- The Boxing Showcase 2019 finals took place in the first week of December. In the lead up to the finals the participants experienced eight weeks of non-contact and then limited contact boxing training. The 2020 Startbox programme will re-commence in schools in January.

Cricket Development Officer Update

The Cricket Development Officer will be liaising with local officers to deliver Schoolyard Cricket Sessions in January in the following schools in the area:

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| Schoolyard Cricket Sessions | Star of the Sea NS | Wed. 1.00pm-2.30pm | Ringsend | Primary School Children | Male |
| Schoolyard Cricket Sessions | Cricket- Ranelagh MDS | Wed. 11.00am-12.30pm | Ranelagh | Primary School Children | Male / Female |
| Schoolyard Cricket Sessions | Cricket-St Matthews NS | Thurs. 1.00pm-2.30pm | Sandymount | Primary School Children | Male / Female |

Football Development Officer Update

Football programmes in January will continue to target schools in the local area. Other initiatives will include football racial awareness programmes, grassroots programmes and DCC specific initiative and football sessions for females in local clubs.

Rowing Development Officer Update

The Get Going Get Rowing school indoor rowing and transition year coaching programmes will continue in schools in the South East Area in 2020. The 'Rowkyo' initiative will see students virtually row to Tokyo in celebration of the summer 2020 Olympics.

Rugby Development Officer Update

For details of rugby December / January programmes in the South East Area please contact the DCSWP Office at (01) 222 5433.

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